

Instruction

SCHOOL DAY

The school day shall be arranged and scheduled by the administration so as to offer the greatest return educationally for the time spent, within the limitations of school facilities and requirements of state law and regulations. The District has determined that kindergarten students will benefit by the longer school day of the District’s early primary program.

The minimum school day for kindergarten students shall be 180 minutes, including recesses but excluding noon intermissions. The kindergarten instructional day shall be the same as the instructional day for grades 1 - 3. The District’s kindergarten day is an integral part of the early primary program pursuant to Education Code 8970-8974 and meets the following conditions:

1. The Governing Board declares that the full-day kindergarten program does not exceed the length of the primary school day.
2. The full-day kindergarten program includes ample opportunity for both active and quiet activities within an integrated, experiential and developmentally appropriate educational program.
3. Any parent who wishes their kindergarten child to attend a shortened day will be provided that opportunity within the full-day kindergarten program.

<u>Grade Level(s)</u>	<u>Total Minutes</u>	<u>Average Minutes Per Day Based on 180 Days</u>
Grades K - 3*	50,400 minutes	285 minutes
Grades 4 - 5*	54,000 minutes	285 minutes
Grades 6 - 8*	57,024 minutes	320 minutes

*Minutes offered include sufficient time to provide for minimum days.

Legal Reference: Education Code
 8970-8974 Early Primary Program
 46010 Total days of attendance
 46100 Length of school day
 46110-46119 Kindergarten and elementary schools (day of attendance)
 46200 et seq. Incentives for Longer Instructional Day and Year

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