

SCHOOL DAY

Background

The Division believes there is a direct correlation between the time provided for instruction and student learning.

The Division believes minimum instructional times must be set to ensure students acquire adequate knowledge and skills.

The Division also recognizes that younger students (elementary grades) require longer breaks from instruction than older students (middle and high school grades)

Procedures

1. Schools must provide annually a minimum of 760 hours of scheduled instruction for ECS students, 950 hours for grades 1-9 and 1000 hours for grades 10-12.
2. A minimum of two recess periods of not less than thirty minutes combined shall be scheduled during each day for Elementary and full day ECS students.
3. A minimum of two recess periods of not less than ten minutes combined shall be scheduled for Junior and Secondary students.
4. Every student shall be provided with a daily lunch period of not less than 30 minutes.
5. The lunch break is not defined as a recess break.

Reference: Section 39, 56 School Act