

**SCHOOL DAY**

The Governing Board shall fix the length of the school day subject to the provisions of law. (Education Code 46100)

*(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)*

The Superintendent or designee shall schedule class periods giving consideration to course requirements and curricular demands, availability of school facilities, the age and attention span of students, and legal requirements.

The Board encourages flexibility in scheduling so as to provide longer time blocks or class periods when appropriate and desirable to support student learning, provide more intensive study of core academic subjects or extended exploration of complex topics, and reduce transition time between classes.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

8970-8974 *Early primary program, including extended-day kindergarten*

37202 *Equal time in all schools*

37670 *Year-round schools*

46010 *Total days of attendance*

46100 *Length of schoolday*

46110-46119 *Kindergarten and elementary schools (day of attendance)*

46140-46147 *Junior high school and high school (day of attendance)*

46160-46162 *Alternative schedule - junior high and high school*

46170 *Minimum day - continuation schools*

46180 *Opportunity schools (minimum day)*

46190-46192 *Adult school (day of attendance)*

46200-46206 *Incentives for longer instructional day and year*

*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

*Kindergarten Information, June 7, 2002*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

*The Uses of Time for Teaching and Learning, October 1996*

*Extending Learning Time for Disadvantaged Students, August 1995*

NATIONAL EDUCATION COMMISSION ON TIME AND LEARNING PUBLICATIONS

*Prisoners of Time, April 1994*

WEB SITES

*U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>*