

## Series 6000 – Instruction

### 1. Elementary and Secondary

#### A. Schedules

#### (2) School Day

##### Number of School Days

This school system by law must provide in each school year no less than one hundred eighty (180) days of actual school sessions for grades kindergarten through twelve, and nine hundred (900) hours of actual school work for grades one through twelve and 450 hours of actual school work for kindergarten. No more than seven (7) hours of actual school work in any school day may be counted toward the total required for the school year. Graduation shall not be held until 180 days and 900 hours of actual school work are completed.

Each school day, including days shortened for staff in-service activities, parent conferences, or other activities must meet the statutory requirement of providing at least four hours of actual school work for students except that, in kindergarten, a continuous session of two and one-half hours may be considered as a school day. Any school session of at least two hours, but less than four hours of actual school work may be counted as a half day.

In the event of dismissal of school because of weather conditions, completion of the regular morning session may be considered a school day. In kindergartens, a continuous two hour session may be considered a school day where school is dismissed because of weather conditions or a scheduled early closing.

##### Length of School Day: Special Education

Unless otherwise specified in a child's individualized education program, the minimum day and year for children requiring special education and related services shall be the same as that for children in the regular education program.

Total travel time shall not exceed one hour each way to and from a special education facility, unless parental consent and approval of the State Board of Education is obtained.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
 10-16 Length of school year  
 10-16(1) Graduation exercises  
 State Board of Education Regulations  
 10-76d-3 Length of school day and year  
 10-76d-11 Individualized education program  
 10-76d-19 Transportation

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