

LENGTH OF SCHOOL DAY AND SCHOOL YEAR

Policy Statement

“Each school district shall provide in each school year no less than one hundred and eighty days of actual school sessions for grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, nine hundred hours of actual school work for grades one to twelve, inclusive, and four hundred and fifty hours of kindergarten, provided school districts shall not count more than seven hours of actual school work in any school day towards the total required for the school year.”

Section 10-16, General Statutes of Connecticut

“Public schools including kindergartens shall be maintained in each town for at least 180 days of actual school sessions during each year...”

Section 10-15, General Statutes of Connecticut

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Regulations

A. Grades K-12

1. Schools must be in session at least 180 days.
2. Schools must be in session for not less than 900 hours of actual schoolwork per school year.
3. No more than 7 hours of actual schoolwork per day may be counted toward the 900 hour total.
4. In an early school closing or delayed opening because of the weather or other circumstances, there is no minimum number of hours a school must be in session to be considered as a school day.

B. Preschool Classes

1. School shall be in session for at least 180 days.
2. In an early school closing or delayed opening because of the weather or other circumstances, there is no minimum number of hours a school must be in session to be considered as a school day. The Preschool may provide either a morning or afternoon session on such day.

C. Schoolwork

1. In the normal school pattern, regular period classes, homerooms, opening and closing exercises, assemblies, activity periods, etc., shall constitute schoolwork.
2. Lunch period, recesses/time devoted to physical activity, and passing time do not constitute schoolwork.

D. Minimum Requirements

In order that the items included in C.1. above qualify as schoolwork, they must be scheduled as part of the student day, they must be supervised by a certified staff member, and they must have school expectations and goals.

References

- Section 10-16, Length of a school day, General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended by PA-161 An Act Concerning Reduction of Education Mandates
- Section 10-15, Town to Maintain Schools, General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended.
- Section 10-16b, Prescribed courses of study, General Statutes of Connecticut.
- Section 10-220, Duties of boards of education, General Statutes of Connecticut.
- Advisory for the Implementation of Public Act 81-78, Connecticut Association of School Administrators
- Trumbull Board of Education policy:
 - Allotment Of Time For Subjects, Grades K-5, Policy Code 6112.1
 - Physical Activity, Policy Code 6145