

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 283**

**SECTION/FILE** 503.5 **DATE OF ADOPTION** 12/12/77  
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**TITLE** Released Time for Students

In order to facilitate flexible programming and personalization of instruction, secondary school principals may adjust the length of the school day for individual students according to the following guidelines:

- 1) The student is at least 16 years of age.
- 2) The student attends supervised classes in usual school facilities for not less than five hours per day.
- 3) The secondary school principal must design for each student exempted from the six-hour requirement a work-study option or other non-work experience of real educational value. The secondary school principal shall ensure that the educational program is actually pursued. A written record must be maintained indicating the type of work-study option or other educational experience to be pursued, the reason for the exemption, and the method of ensuring that the program is actually pursued.
- 4) The student's parent/guardian has approved the option in writing, unless the student has reached the age of majority.

Secondary school principals shall be responsible for administering the State Board of Education regulation regarding length of the school day and for approving exemptions to the six-hour school day requirement for secondary students according to the above guidelines.