

District: Boone County

School: Burlington Elementary

Council Policy #7.4

Standard: Culture

POLICY TOPIC DESCRIPTION Protection of

Instructional Time

POLICY STATEMENT

Our schedule will provide the required minimum of the equivalent of 177 six-hour days of instructional time or more, and students will be actively engaged in learning throughout those instructional hours. To ensure this:

1. Whole school broadcast interruptions from the school office will be limited to homeroom periods, the end of the day, and emergencies. Wherever possible, e-mail, telephone, quiet messengers, or waiting until class is finished will be used instead.
2. Students arriving in each classroom will have educational activity to engage them without waiting for other students to assemble.
3. When a scheduled activity is unexpectedly delayed or cancelled, students will be given alternative, substantive learning activities to undertake.
4. Activities that reward or punish individual student behavior will not detract from core instructional time unless those activities are strongly supported by the curriculum and instructional policies established by the Council.
5. Video/media will be used only when they efficiently convey knowledge and skills called for in the core curriculum and are integrated into other activities that require the students to process and apply the information the video/media provides. Non-instructional videos/media may be shown for a reward on occasion when the reward is a part of an overall organized discipline or incentive plan.
6. Our school safety plan and discipline and classroom management policy will also contribute to ensuring that behavioral problems do not detract from learning time.

Policy History

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By:



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