

## SCHOOL DAY

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the length of the school day.

The school year will consist of 190 days. The district will use 180 days for student instruction.

State laws and regulations require that the length of the instructional day for secondary students be at least six hours, or its weekly equivalent, excluding lunch. The length of the school day for elementary and middle school students must be six hours, or its weekly equivalent, including lunch.

Schools may reduce the length of the school day to not less than three hours or not more than three days each school year for staff development or for the purpose of administering end-of-semester and end-of-year examinations.

The schools must give priority to teaching and learning tasks and may interrupt classes only for emergencies.

### **Moment of silence**

All school will provide for a minute of mandatory silence at the beginning of each school day.

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### Legal references:

- A. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:
  - 1. Section 59-1-440 – Provides for length of instructional day.
  - 2. Section 59-1-443 – Moment of silence.
- B. State Board of Education Regulations:
  - 1. R-43-144 – Instructional day for students.
  - 2. R-43-142 – The instructional year
  - 3. R-43-231.1 – Adjustment in instructional time for basic skills.