Policy

SCHOOL DAY

Code **ID** Issued **11/24**

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 law and regulations require that schools exclude lunch when calculating the length of the instructional day for middle and high school students. However, elementary schools may include lunch when calculating the length of the instructional day for elementary school students.

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 schools 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. R43-231 - Defined program grades, K-5.
   2. R43-232 - Defined program grades, 6-8.
   3. R43-234 - Defined program grades, 9-12 and graduation requirements.