EASTCONN
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INSTRUCTION
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Policy #6015.2.1

School Day Grades 1-12

The Executive Director of EASTCONN shall ensure that:

1. The school year provides at least 180 days of school for all grades;

2. The school year provides a minimum of 900 hours of actual school work; in meeting this requirement, no more than seven (7) hours of actual school work on a given day shall be credited toward meeting the 900 hour minimum;

3. In an early school closing or delayed opening because of weather, EASTCONN will provide a minimum of 900 hours of actual schoolwork by the conclusion of the school year.

4. Should it be necessary to consider alternative scheduling in any single school year, because of unusual circumstances which could interfere with fulfilling the 180 day school year requirement, the Executive Director of EASTCONN shall recommend to the EASTCONN Board of Directors a plan for alternative scheduling to be transmitted to the State Board of Directors for its consideration and possible approval.

In complying with statutory requirements for a minimum of four (4) hours per day and a minimum of 900 hours per year, the Executive Director of EASTCONN shall exclude from the definition of actual school work that time provided for student lunch periods and non-institutional recesses at the elementary schools and students' lunch and passing time in the middle schools and the senior high school.

Note*: A Board of Directors for a school that has been designated as a low achieving school pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of C.G.S. 10-223e may increase the number of actual school sessions during each year, and may increase the number of hours of actual school work per session in order to improve student performance and remove the school from the list of schools designated as a low achieving school maintained by the State Board of Directors .*

Kindergarten

The Executive Director of EASTCONN shall ensure that:

1. The school year provides at least 180 days of school;

2. The school year provides a minimum of 450 hours of actual school work; in meeting this requirement, no more than seven (7) hours of actual school work on a given day shall be

credited toward meeting the 450 hour minimum school year;

3. In an early school closing or delayed opening because of weather, either the morning of afternoon kindergarten session shall count as a school day;

4. In the event of an early closing because of weather, the kindergarten session shall count as a school day, regardless of its length.

In complying with statutory requirements for a minimum of 450 hours per year for kindergartens, the Executive Director of EASTCONN shall exclude from the definition of actual school work that time provided for student lunch periods and non-institutional recesses.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-15 Towns to maintain schools. (as amended by P.A. 11-85, An Act Concerning the Achievement Gap)

10-16 Length of school day.

10-16b Prescribed courses of study.

10-220 Duties of boards of education.

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