

## SCHOOL DAY

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

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

The center may reduce the length of the school day to not less than three hours on 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 center must consult with parents and faculty and obtain board approval before varying the length of the school day.

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

### **Moment of silence**

The center 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.