



Santa Ana Unified School District

BOARD POLICY NO: 6112

SUBJECT: Student School Day

CATEGORY: Instruction

EFFECTIVE: 06/26/2018

RESPONSIBLE OFFICE(S): Educational Services

REVIEWED: 06/12/2018

SCOPE:

The Governing Board shall fix the length of the school day subject to the provisions of the law. (E.C. 46100)

POLICY:

The length of the school day shall apply equally to students with disabilities unless otherwise specified in the student's individualized education program or Section 504 plan.

The schedule for elementary schools shall include at least one daily period of recess of at least 20 minutes in length in order to provide students with unstructured but supervised opportunities for physical activity.

In establishing the daily instructional schedule for each secondary school, the Superintendent or designee shall give consideration to course requirements and curricular demands, availability of school facilities, and applicable legal requirements.

The Board encourages flexibility in scheduling so as to provide longer time blocks or class periods when appropriate and desirable to support student learning, provide more intensive study of core academic subjects or extended exploration of complex topics, and reduce transition time between classes.

Prior to implementing a block schedule program in which secondary students attend class for fewer school days, the Board shall consult with the certificated and classified employees of the school in a good faith effort to reach agreement and shall also consult with parents/guardians of the students who would be affected by the change and the community at large. Such consultation shall include at least one public hearing for which the Board has given adequate notice to the employees and to the parents/guardians of affected students. (Education Code [46162](#))

DESIRED OUTCOME:

By implementing this policy, the Board will help parents, student, and the community understand the expectations and requirements related to instructional minutes at the elementary and secondary levels.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS:

District Policies and Procedures:

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[46100](#) Length of school day

[46160-46162](#) Alternative schedule - junior high and high school

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