## 3.20.022-AD School Hours

- (1) The length of school days in each building is to be established by the principal in consultation with their staff and with the approval of the DOSA subject to the following requirements. The minimum number of instructional hours shall not be less than amounts specified below unless reduced by Board action pursuant to OAR 581-022-1620 (5), (8):
  - (a) <u>Minimum Number of Annual Instructional Hours</u>. Students shall have the following minimum number of instructional hours annually:
    - (A) Grades K: 405 hours;
    - (B) Grades 1-3: 4 810 hours;
    - (C) Grades 4-8: 900 hours;
    - (D) Grades 9-12: 990 hours.
  - (b) <u>Minimum Number of Daily Instructional Hours</u>. Students shall have the following minimum number of instructional hours daily:
    - (A) 6 periods a day, 55 minutes each; or Grades K-3: 6 hours;
    - (B) 7 periods a day, 50 minutes each in length. Grades 4-8: 6.5 hours;
    - (C) Flexible schedules. One traditional unit of credit must have an aggregate of at least 130 clock hours of classroom work during the school year which may include independent study and research time when integrated as part of the course. Grades 9 12: 7 hours.
- (2) It is desirable that these hours not deviate substantially from the spans of 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for high schools, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for primary, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for grades 4 8.
- (3) School assemblies, student orientations, testing, parent-teacher conferences, and other instructionally related activities involving students directly might be included in the required instructional hours. However, transportation to and from school, passing times between classes, non-instructional recess and lunch periods shall not be included. Passing time is defined as those minutes between segments of the program that are apparent in the school's daily schedule.

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