

SCHOOL DAY

The length of the school day and the length of periods of instruction at various levels shall be recommended by the superintendent and set by the board, and shall be in keeping with requirements of the state board of education.

The particular opening and closing hours for levels and/or schools shall also be subject to board approval. These opening and closing times shall be as uniform as possible at comparable levels throughout the district. The length of the school day shall be at least as long for students with disabilities as for non-disabled students.

The superintendent shall recommend for board approval the length of class periods and the frequency of instruction in individual subjects.

School administrators shall not dismiss school for any part of the school day without the approval of the superintendent.

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Legal References: Use legal reference sheet.

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Monitored:

Indicator 7.8(5)

Other Reasons:

Common sense indicates the advisability of having a policy providing for board adoption of the length of instructional class periods and any permanent revisions thereafter. This is closely related to policy on graduation requirements.

Any increase in pupil-teacher contact time or teacher workload exceeding contractually set limits may require prior negotiation.

Recommendation:

A policy providing for setting the length of the school day and the length and number of periods of instruction.

<u>Legal References:</u>	N.J.S.A. 18A:36-1	School year
	N.J.S.A. 18A:36-2	Time when schools are open; determination
	N.J.S.A. 18A:36-16	Rules regarding religious holidays
	N.J.A.C. 6:8-4.9(a)8	Facilities master plan--substandard classrooms
	N.J.A.C. 6:20-1.3	School attendance
	N.J.A.C. 6:28-4.1(e)	General requirements

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts (June 1993)

<u>Possible Cross References:</u>	*2210	Administrative leeway in absence of board policy
	*5113	Absences and excuses
	*5124	Reporting to parents/guardians
	*6111	School calendar
	*6114	Emergencies and disaster preparedness
	*6141.2	Recognition of religious beliefs and customs
	*6146	Graduation requirements
	*6171.4	Special education

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.