

SCHOOL DAY

Instructional Time

- A. The minimal school year for the Pleasanton Public School shall consist of 1080 instructional hours for high school (grades 9-12) and 1032 instructional hours for junior high (grades 7-8) and elementary grades (K-6).

The instructional program shall include the time when school is scheduled to begin until the time when school is scheduled to end each day. The time scheduled for lunch period shall be excluded from instructional program time. Passing time between periods may be counted as instructional time.

Time when school is not in session shall not count toward the 1080, 1032 or 400 instructional hour requirements. Time when school is not in session shall include, but not be limited to school dismissed for inclement weather, in-service activities or special dismissals.

Hours scheduled for inter-scholastic sports, and some other activity contests shall be excluded from the 1080 and 1032 instructional hours except for the Nebraska School Activities Association sponsored district and state contests and state play-off participation. Nebraska State Department of Education scheduled district and state sponsored contests and events may be included in instructional hours.

Sufficient hours shall be scheduled and added to the instructional program hours in the school year so that interruptions to instructing hours, due to interscholastic activities and other identified interruptions, do not infringe upon the 1080 and 1032 instructional hours. Time scheduled for student participation in and faculty sponsorship of interscholastic sports, clubs, and contests shall be regulated to meet the intent of LB994 and the regulations of Rule 10 (004.02A2)

Interscholastic sports, clubs and contests shall be defined as school activities and events that involve student participation and faculty sponsorship. The activities and events are identified as all athletic events, (Football, Basketball, Golf, Volleyball, and Track). Music, Drama, Speech, Debate, and certain field trips or special class instruction may be included in the instructional hours.

- B. The instructional hour shall consist of sixty minutes of time scheduled for teachers and students for academic instructional purposes.
- C. Students scheduled to be absent from instructional hours for interscholastic sports, clubs and contests shall be required to make up all assigned school academic work in an acceptable manner before leaving and being excused for the activity. Failure to comply with this procedure shall be cause for the student not to attend the scheduled activity as part of the school sponsored team or group.

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- D. Seniors students scheduled for graduation may be excused from some instructional hours at the end of the second semester providing they have met the academic requirements of their present individual scheduled courses, and have met the academic and attendance requirements for graduation. All students shall be expected and required to be in attendance during the scheduled instructional program hours unless properly excused congruent with attendance policies.
- E. A yearly record shall be provided by the administration of all interruptions to the instructional program to provide evidence of meeting the intent of this policy.

Administrative Guidelines for School Year, School Day Instructional Time

- A. The school year for the high school shall consist of around 175 days of at least 400 minutes each day of instructional time exclusive of 30 minutes allowed for lunch.
- B. The school day will begin before 8:30 a.m. and conclude before 4:00 p.m. The Friday school day will conclude before 3:00 p.m. Due to heat school may be dismissed before 2:00 p.m.
- C. The school year for the high school will provide for more than 1080 instructional hours which will allow for at least 50 hours of interruptions for interscholastic sports, clubs and contests, as well as early Friday dismissal, inclement weather cancellations and other school interruptions.
- D. Interruptions to instructional time shall not exceed 72 hours so as to guarantee 1080 academic instructional hours for teachers and students.
- E. Interruptions for assemblies, picture days and field trips may be counted as instructional time, but efforts shall be made to keep these on a limited basis.
- F. Junior high grades (7&8) shall be in session the same hours as the high school although not required by statute.
- G. The elementary school shall consist of the same times as the high school, exclusive of 30 minutes allowed for lunch. This will provide for more than 100 hours of interruptions for inclement weather, grade parties, parent-teacher conferences and other interruptions to the instructional day. Recess time shall be included in the instructional day.
- H. Kindergarten will be in session at least 1032 instructional hours free of interruptions.