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### Required Instructional Time

(1) Each school district shall ensure that at least 90% of all students in the district are scheduled to receive annually adopt and implement a school calendar which provides its students at each grade level with the following minimum hours number of instructional time hours:

(a) Grades ~~9-12~~ -- 990-966 hours;

(b) Grades 9-11 -- 990 hours;

(~~b~~c) Grades ~~4K-8~~ -- 900 hours;

(2) If a school district chooses to offer less than 900 hours of instructional time for kindergarten students, the kindergarten program shall be considered a half-day program for purposes of ORS 327.006(1) and the school district shall ensure that every kindergarten student is scheduled to receive a minimum of 450 hours of instructional time per year.

(3) Upon approval by the local school board, a district may include in its calculation of instructional time required by subsection (1) of this rule the following:

(a) For kindergarten programs offering 900 hours or more of instructional time, up to 60 hours of recess;

(b) For kindergarten programs offering less than 900 hours of instructional time, up to 30 hours of recess;

(c) Up to 30 hours for staff professional development;

(d) Up to 30 hours for parent teacher conferences; and

(e) For the 2015-16 school year, up to 14 hours for emergency school closures due to adverse weather conditions and facilities failure.

(4) For students participating in online instruction:

(a) Instructional time includes:

(A) Online instruction provided by a licensed or registered teacher in real-time through electronic means; and

(B) For all other methods of online instruction, up to one hour per course per day where the following criteria are met:

(i) During regular school hours, as outlined in the predefined school schedule, every student has access to a licensed or registered teacher through in-person, telephone, or electronic means for each course taken; and

(ii) Every student has regular contact with a licensed or registered teacher for the purpose of attendance and progress monitoring as outlined in the policies maintained by the Oregon Department of Education.

(b) Instructional time may not be claimed for weekends or holidays, per ORS 336.010 and ORS 187.010, or any other day during which a licensed or registered teacher is not available to students.

~~(25)~~ There shall be no fewer than 265 consecutive calendar days between the first and last instructional day of each school year at each grade level.

~~(36)~~ No student shall be required to exceed the following number of instructional hours per day:

(a) Grades 9-12 -- ~~7-8.5~~ hours;

(b) Grades ~~4K-8~~ -- ~~6.58~~ hours; ~~-(c) Grades K-3 -- 6 hours.~~

(7) The minimum instructional hours requirement set forth in subsection (1) of this rule shall first apply to the 2015-16 school year but full compliance shall be phased in over a period of three school years. A school district will be in compliance with the requirements of subsection (1) of this rule if the following benchmarks are met:

(a) For the 2015-16 school year, 85% of all students in the district must be scheduled to receive the minimum hours of instructional time set forth in subsection (1) of this rule.

(b) For the 2016-17 school year, 87.5% of all students in the district must be scheduled to receive the minimum hours of instructional time set forth in subsection (1) of this rule.

(c) For the 2017-18 school year, 90% of all students in the district must be scheduled to receive the minimum hours of instructional time set forth in subsection (1) of this rule.

~~(4) School assemblies, student orientations, testing, parent teacher conferences, and other instructionally related activities involving students directly may be included in the required instructional hours. However, transportation to and from school, passing times between classes, noninstructional 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.~~

~~(5) When approved by a local school board, annual instructional hour requirements stated in section (1) of this rule may be reduced as follows:~~

~~(a) Up to a total of 30 hours to accommodate staff development activities, pupil transportation schedules, or other local program scheduling arrangements;~~

~~(b) Up to a total of 14 hours of emergency school closures due to adverse weather conditions and facility failures.~~

~~(6) Student and staff activities related to the opening and closing of the school year, grade reporting, program planning, staff meetings, and other classroom and building management activities shall not be counted as instructional time or in the reductions provided for in subsection (5)(a) of this rule.~~

~~(7) For multiple shift programs, this rule applies to each shift (i.e., each student must have access to the minimum annual required hours of instruction).~~

~~(8) The instructional time requirement for twelfth grade students may be reduced by action of a local school board for an amount of time not to exceed 30 hours of instructional time.~~

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