



SCHOOL HOURS

Background

The length of the instructional year will be a minimum of 950 hours and shall be in accordance with legislation and pursuant to the procedures established by the Director.

Procedures

1. The instructional day shall be three hundred and ten (310) minutes excluding recess periods which total not less than thirty (30) minutes for elementary schools.
2. The Director or designate, after consulting with the Principal, shall determine the time at which classes ordinarily start, and dismissal of students ordinarily occur in a school. When arriving at these decisions, parental, School Community Council and transportation concerns are to be considered.
3. Kindergarten students are to attend a minimum of four hundred and seventy-five (475) hours of instruction time.
4. Principals, in consultation with the Director, may dismiss school at any time before the usual dismissal time where the health, safety or welfare of students or staff is threatened.

Reference: Sections 87, 163, 175 Education Act
The School Division Administration Regulations 45, 49

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