

8220 SCHOOL DAY

The Board of Education shall determine the times that school will be in session for the purpose of providing adequate time for pupils to profit from the educational program of the district.

The schools of the district will be in session for pupils on those days specified by the Board.

The efficient use of instructional time is a matter of administrative concern, and the individual teacher at the elementary level must make judicious decisions each day about time allocation for various subjects. Although it is not our intention to mandate a rigid schedule to prevent creative planning by individual teachers, it is desirable to provide a guide for use by teachers in considering the time required for each subject in a typical day.

A sample time allocation for various subjects in the day in grades one through five follows:

60 minutes	Math
90 minutes	Language Arts and Literacy
40 minutes	Science/Social Studies
45 minutes	Special subjects: Art, Music, Physical Education, Library
60 minutes	Reading and related Language Arts and Literacy
35 minutes	Related activities
<u>50 minutes</u>	Lunch/Recess
360 minutes	(8:45 - 3:05)

The Superintendent may close the schools, delay the opening of school, or dismiss school early when such alteration in the regular session is required for the protection of the health and safety of pupils and staff members. The Superintendent shall inform the Board President of any such alteration as soon as possible and shall prepare rules for the proper and timely notification of concerned persons in the event of any emergency closing of the schools.

N.J.A.C. 6:20-1.3; 6:21-2.5

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