

INSTRUCTIONAL TIME PROCEDURE

Due to the revision of Policy 9.304, and the increase in instructional time; the following guidelines should be followed when creating master schedules for your schools.

The North Carolina requirement of 1025 hours divided by the 180 day calendar requires 5.69 hours or 5 hours and 42 minutes of instruction.

- With 30 minutes for lunch, this requires each school to be in session at a minimum of 6 hours and 12 minutes each day.

To ensure each school's instructional time is clearly within North Carolina's required 1025 hours, the following are the minimum allowable times:

I. K-5 Schools

These should be broken down to meet the following requirements:

- **Grades K-2**

- 120 minutes of Reading
- 90 minutes of Math
- Science/ Social Studies/ Health should be integrated throughout the day
- Encore Classes

* Minimum requirement of 30 minutes of physical activity daily

- **Grades 3-5**

- 90 minutes of ELA
- 90 minutes of Math
- 90 minutes of Science and Social Studies
- Encore Classes
 - *Minimum requirement of 30 minutes of physical activity daily
- Health to be integrated into Science

II. 6-8 Schools

These should be broken down to meet the following requirements:

- a minimum of 60 minutes (90 minutes preferable) of ELA
- a minimum of 60 minutes (90 minutes preferable) of Math
- a minimum of 45 minutes of Social Studies
- a minimum of 45 minutes of Science
- a minimum of 45 minutes for each class of Encore (Computer, PE, Art, Music, Orchestra, CTE)

**** Waivers will be considered upon request.

III. 9-12 Schools

Current state board policy requires each high school course have 135 hours of instruction for credit to be awarded. Meeting that instructional seat time requires all courses to be a minimum of 90 minutes in length for a semester long course, and a minimum of 45 minutes for a yearlong course.

- Under the current 4 block teaching model, all blocks should be at a minimum of 90 minutes.

Under the new innovative guidelines and allowances, the Department of Public Instruction is allowing pilot schedules. With approval of superintendent, waivers to this procedure can be obtained.

Last Revision/Adoption: NA

Legal References: N.C.G.S.A. § 115C-84.2 (School Calendar)

Cross References: None