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	Minimum number of hours per	Minimum amount of instructional times per school year (by grade, if applicable)		_
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	Grades 1-5=5.8; grades 6-12=6.0			
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Start no earlier than 8	12=6.5	+	180 ⁸	Tennessee
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fourth Monday in Augu	7.0	1,260 (includes intermissions and recesses) ⁷	+	Texas
District opti	Kindergarten=2.0; grades 1- 12=4.0	Kindergarten=450; grade 1=810; grades 2- 12=990	180 ⁵	Utah
	Kindergarten=2.0 per day or 10 per week; grades 1-2=4.0 per day or 20 per week; grades 3-12=5.5 per day or 27.5 per week (includes recess for grades 1-8 and excludes			
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District opti		grades 9-12=1,080	180	Washington
District opti	Grades kindergarten-5=5.3; grades 6-8=5.5; grades 9-12=5.8	t	180	West Virginia
Start no earlier than 9	t	Kindergarten=437; grades 1-6=1,050; grades 7-12=1,137	+	Wisconsin
District opti	+	Kindergarten=450; elementary=900; middle/junior high=1,050; secondary=1,100	175	Wyoming

+ Not applicable. State does not have a requirement in this category.

¹ For more detailed information on state-level instructional time in days and hours, please refer to the table referenced in the SOURCE portion of this table. The table may be accessed at: <u>https://www.ecs.org/50-state-comparison-instructional-time-policies/</u>.

² District option to meet either minimum hours per school year or days per school year.

³ For all grades, hours only apply if board submits an acceptable plan under which students will receive the educational equivalent of 180 days.

⁴ Students in grades 9-12 must enroll in at least 4 subjects, in addition to the hour requirement.

⁵ May include in-service professional development days, staff development, parent-teacher conferences, planning, or similar activities.

⁶ Charter schools and select districts are required 175 days. More details may be found at: https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/lcffitfaq.asp.

⁷ State specifies instructional time in minutes.

⁸ May exclude professional development days, in-service education, planning, parent-teacher conferences, and similar activities.

⁹ Districts may count up to 7 hours/day toward the total required for the year.

¹⁰ Does not apply to charter and multi-track schools.

¹¹ 185-day calendar that includes 170 instructional days, plus 4 days for professional development.

12 Early dismissal of seniors allowed up to 10 instructional days.

13 Students in grade 12 may have their year reduced to 170 days.

¹⁴ Minimum length of a day is 3 hours, but the average over a 2-week period must be at least 5 hours.

¹⁵ Schools must be open for pupil attendance for at least 3 hours.

¹⁶ If a collective bargaining agreement that provides a complete school calendar was in effect, then this does not apply until after the expiration of that collective bargaining agreement.

¹⁷ High school seniors' school year may be reduced by up to 5 days or 30 hours.

¹⁸ Thirty-three hours of the full-day kindergarten program and twenty-two hours of grades 1-6 may be used for home visits by the teacher or for parent-teacher conferences. Twelve hours of grades 7-12 may be used to consult with parents or for parent-teacher conferences.

¹⁹ Oregon sets maximum, rather than minimum, hours/day: grades kindergarten-8=8.0 hours; grades 9-12=8.5 hours.

20 School boards may release graduating seniors prior to the end of the school year.

SOURCE: Education Commission of the States, 50 State Comparison: Instructional Time Policies, retrieved June 6, 2018 from https://www.ecs.org/50-state-comparisoninstructional-time-policies/. Data Source.

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