



TIME FOR LEARNING

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The Board believes that time is a variable in the educational process and that children may need different amounts of instructional time in order to fulfill the educational goals and objectives of the Board. The Board also recognizes that the school day and school year should be planned in a manner to facilitate student learning and to permit an accurate assessment of student achievement in scheduled testing periods.

INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

Interruptions of instructional time and time off task must be kept to a minimum. The principal is responsible for ensuring that instructional time is maintained and protected in the school schedule. Each teacher is responsible for ensuring maximal use of instructional time in his or her classes. Schools are encouraged to seek creative means of reducing transitional time and scheduling non-instructional activities. A proposal for alternative scheduling of classes or other such strategies may be a part of a school improvement plan.

SCHOOL DAY

Every school will provide a minimum of 1000 hours per year of instructional time. However, the Board encourages schools to provide for additional instructional time, in accordance with 115C-84.2, as a part of its school improvement plan.

SCHOOL YEAR

The Superintendent or designee, working with a committee representative of the educational community, shall develop the school calendar. The school calendar shall provide for 220 days and will provide for a minimum of 180 student attendance days for the year and a minimum of 1000 instructional hours covering at least nine months.

The Board may initiate or review recommendations from the Superintendent or a school for modifying the traditional school calendar. The Superintendent and individual schools are encouraged to obtain input from teachers and other personnel as well as from the community in developing proposals for modifying the school calendar. An extended school year may be included as a part of a school improvement plan.

REMEDICATION

Based on available funds, remedial classes may be offered at any time throughout the year. In special cases, a principal may give permission for a high school student to take a summer school course for first time credit. A minimum of 150 hours is required for a student to receive first time credit. Only licensed teachers will be employed for summer school instruction and a concerted effort will be made to employ teachers in their areas of licensure.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -47, -84, -105.21B(b)(2), -238.31, -288; State Board of Education Policy Manual, policy 04A101

Cross References: Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program (policy 3000), School Improvement Plan (policy 3430)

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