

Section 600 – Instruction
General Organization
School Day

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The school day shall be arranged and scheduled by the administration within the limitations of school facilities and requirement of state law. Each member of the staff is expected to be on duty before and after regular school hours to plan, to meet with students, and to carry out individual professional responsibilities. Staff, on occasions, may be asked to work beyond (before or after) the normal school day to attend staff meetings, hold conferences with students or parents, or to assist in school activities.

Activities included in the instructional hour will be class-related field trips, contests, fairs, assemblies, leadership workshops, career and academic counseling, passing and recess time, and other select academic-related events authorized by the administration and the board of education.

To the extent possible, practice for, travel to, and participation in activities sponsored by the Nebraska School Activities Association and the Nebraska Department of Education will be scheduled outside the regular 1,032 and 1,080 hour standard. Individual student absences because of illness or family-centered activities will be governed by the district attendance policies.

It is the intent of the board of education to strike a sensible balance between the time spent on academics and the time spent on extracurricular activities. The board of education acknowledges the fact that both play an important part in each student's total development.

The district may occasionally schedule a school day for less than the standard minimum number of hours due to the scheduling of staff development opportunities, parent-teacher conferences or special events occupying a portion of the day. Schedule revisions and changes in time allotments will be made by the superintendent.

When the school is forced to close due to weather or other emergencies, that part of the day during which school was in session will constitute a school day.