

**SCHOOL YEAR & SCHOOL DAY:**

**Length of School Year**

The schools of the District shall be in operation for at least 180 instructional days and at least 990 instructional hours during each school year, except as follows:

1. Grade 1 must have a minimum of 810 hours and 180 days.
2. The Board may reallocate up to 32 instructional hours or 4 school days for teacher preparation time or professional development by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board in a properly noticed and held public meeting. If a reallocation is made, parents and guardians shall be notified of the school calendar at least 90 days before the beginning of the school year.

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-419-4 (1) October 11, 2016*

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-491-6(3) October 11, 2016*

*Utah Code § 53A-17a-103(7) (2017)*

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**Length and Schedule—**

Schools shall be in session for not less than 7.5 hours each instructional day, including intermissions (student access time to teachers before & after school, passing time, & lunch time) and recesses, of which not less than 4 hours shall be devoted to instruction. Kindergarten sessions shall have at least 2 hours per instructional day of instructional time. The primary grades may be dismissed somewhat earlier than the other grades.

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-419-4(2) (October 11, 2016)*

*Utah Admin Rules R277-419-11(3)(h) (October 11, 2016)*

**Exceptions for Students With Unusual Problems—**

In the Board's discretion, the length of the time an individual student is required to be in school on instructional days may be varied for students with unusual problems. Such variance will be established on an individual basis according to the student's IEP or SEOP/Plan for College and Career Readiness.

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-419-11(a) (October 11, 2016)*

The required days and hours of instruction may be provided at any time during the school year as determined by the Board. The Board will approve school calendars providing for instructional time and days in an open meeting.

Utah Admin. Rules R277-419-4(2) (May 23, 2016)  
Utah Admin. Rules R277-419-11(3)(h) (May 23, 2016)

If a school is using a modified 45-day/15-day year round schedule initiated prior to July 1, 1995 is considered to be in compliance with State Board of Education regulations if the school's schedule includes a minimum of 990 hours of instructional time in a minimum of 172 days.

Utah Admin. Rules R277-419-11(4) (May 23, 2016)

### **Semester Basis**

The District shall operate on a quarter or semester basis and shall adhere to the requirements of the appropriate curriculum prepared by the State Board of Education.

### **Beginning Date**

Student attendance for the first semester of the regular school term shall be established by the Board pursuant to a calendar adopted annually.

### **Emergency/Activity Days**

The annual school calendar adopted by the Board shall include exigency time for closures for emergencies, activities, or extreme weather conditions. If school is closed for these or any other reason, the instructional time missed shall be made up under the exigency time so that the minimum school program instructional requirements are met.

Utah Admin. Rules R277-419-11(2) May 23, 2016

### **Parent/teacher and SEOP Conferences**

With Board approval, schools may conduct parent/teacher and SEOP conferences during the day and the time for those conferences may be counted as instructional time up to the equivalent of three full school days or 16.5 hours during a school year.

Utah Admin. Rules R277-419-11(3)c May 23, 2016

### **Kindergarten assessment—**

The Board may designate up to 12 instructional days at either or both beginning or end of the school year for assessment of students entering or completing kindergarten. Assessments shall be conducted by qualified school employees. The assessment time per student must be adequate to justify the amount of instructional time used for assessment. Such action must be taken in a properly noticed public meeting and the parents or guardians of these students shall be given notice and an explanation of the assessment well in advance of the assessment period.

Utah Admin. Rules R277-419-11(3)(e) - (g) May 23, 2016

## **SUMMER SCHOOL:**

### **Courses Begun and Completed In Summer School**

Students shall be awarded credit for courses begun and successfully completed during the summer session, in accordance with the following provisions:

1. The program shall meet the same standards as those in effect during the regular school year.
2. The program shall be administered by a specifically assigned staff member with an appropriate administrative endorsement. The administrator shall have the authority and time during the regular school year to plan and organize the summer school program.
3. Libraries and other necessary instructional resources shall be available on the same basis as during the regular term.
4. Courses offered shall include all state-required, essential elements specified for the course, and student progress shall be evaluated according to the same achievement standards used during the regular term.
5. One unit of credit shall meet the prescribed time allocations.
6. No teacher shall be assigned more than six hours of classroom teaching per day.

### **Regular Term Courses Completed In Summer School**

Students shall be provided an opportunity to complete subjects or courses begun, but not successfully completed, during the regular school term. Such courses shall include all state-required, essential elements specified for the course. Essential elements satisfactorily mastered during the regular term need not be repeated in the summer session. Student progress shall be evaluated according to the same achievement standards used during the regular term.