

InstructionSchool Instructional Hours

Douglas County West Community Schools will have a school year consisting of at least (a) for kindergarten, the time equivalent to 400 hours; (b) for elementary grades one through grade eight, the time equivalent to 1,032 hours, and (c) for grades nine through twelve, the time equivalent to 1,080 hours.

An instructional hour shall mean a period of time at least sixty (60) minutes, which is actually used for the instruction of students.

Interruptions in the school year of the instructional hour minimums due to extracurricular activities (interscholastic sports, clubs, and contests) will be held to a minimum. All students participating in such events will be required to comply with the District's policies on student attendance for such absences to be excused, including the completion of assignments for missed classes.

The required 1,080, 1,032, and 400 instructional hour minimums shall not include the following:

1. When a school is dismissed for any reason such as tournaments or contests, parent/teacher conferences, funerals, parades, and school picnics;
2. Time scheduled for the school lunch period.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-101; Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 79-211 and 79-212;
NDE Rule 10

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