

Section 8-3.3. Length of school day; time for dismissal; special education student exception. — A. ~~The length of the regular school day shall not be less than five and one-half nor more than six and one-half instructional hours for grades 1 through 12 exclusive of time for meals. The length of each kindergarten session shall not be less than three (3) instructional hours. Every elementary school shall provide students with daily recess during the regular school year, as determined by the school. The secondary school class schedule shall contain a minimum of 140 clock hours for each unit of credit. All secondary school students shall maintain a full day schedule of classes (5 1/2 hours) unless a waiver is granted by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee and shall be required to attend the full school day and to carry a normal course load of at least five (5) units of classes for grades 9 through 12 during the academic year.~~

B. ~~The time for dismissal of each grade in the various schools shall be determined by the superintendent and approved by the School Board. No school day shall be shortened before the scheduled dismissal hour except with the approval of the superintendent.~~

C. ~~The length of the school day may be modified as set forth in an individual education program (IEP) for a special education student. (Adopted January 12, 1995; Revised June 14, 2001; Ordinance Number 00/01-11; Effective July 1, 2001; November 8, 2018; Ordinance Number 18/19-37; Effective: November 8, 2018)~~

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