

## Minimum School Day

The minimum school day for Community Day Schools is 360 minutes of instructional time (*Education Code Section 48663 (a)*). There is no option for a shorter day. Administrators should be aware of three key points:

- The minimum day requirement applies to **every student** enrolled in the Community Day School unless otherwise specified in a Special Education Individualized Education Program (see below).
- The minimum day requirement applies to **every school day**.
- Since **breaks, recess, and lunch** are not instructional time, they **do not count** toward the minimum day.

### ***Minimum Instructional Day Must be Within the Community Day School***

The minimum school day in a **Community Day School** is 360 minutes of classroom instruction. This means the entire minimum school day must be provided within the Community Day School, in contrast with a partial assignment in another school or program. Just as with other schools, field trips are allowable.

### ***Minimum Instructional Day Provided by a Certificated District Employee***

The minimum school day in a Community Day School is 360 minutes of classroom instruction **provided** (under the immediate supervision and control of, per (*Education Code Section 46300 (a)*) **by a certificated employee of the district reporting the attendance of the pupils for apportionment funding**. A district cannot “contract out” this role.

### ***Minimum Day for Students with Exceptional Needs***

Consistent with the provisions of *Education Code Section 46307*, if a student with exceptional needs enrolls in a Community Day School and has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) that specifies a school day for the student of less than six hours, the day-length specified in the student’s IEP shall also be the student’s “minimum day” for purposes of calculating the student’s ADA for basic funding—but **not** for purpose of claiming the supplemental funding described below. To generate credit for the supplemental funding, a student with exceptional needs must attend the same amount of time as any other student enrolled in a Community Day School.

### ***No Instruction through the Independent Study Strategy***

Independent study may not be utilized as a means of providing any part of the minimum instructional day in a Community Day School (*Education Code Section 48663 (d)*).