

DEFINITION OF TERMS.

Instructional Hour: Sixty minutes of class time when more than one-half of the teachers and students are present in the building and there is teacher-pupil contact for the purpose of teaching and learning of the school's goals and objectives.

Instructional Time: Any time when more than one-half of the teachers and students are present in the building and engaged in learning activities under the supervision of teachers in regularly scheduled classes or approved activities.

The minimum number of instructional hours in the school year shall be 400 hours for kindergarten students; 1,032 for elementary students; and 1,080 for junior and senior high school students, exclusive of lunch time.

Teacher-pupil learning experiences on the school site may include those educational experiences associated with the day-to-day classroom teaching of students including, but not limited to, the use of textbooks, audio-visual aids, laboratory experiences, student learning associated with such technology tools as instructional television, cable TV, computerized instruction and research, or other sources of interactive educational media. The on-site experiences shall include assemblies, pep rallies, picture days, career and academic counseling, as well as passing time, any staff-supervised recess time, and other select academic-related events authorized by the administration and the school board.

Learning experiences away from the school site may include, but not limited, to on-the-job training, class-related field trips, contests, fairs, leadership workshops, and other select academic-related events authorized by the administration and the school board.

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 school district attendance policies. The minimum hours shall not include time when school is dismissed due to inclement weather, funerals, parent-teacher conferences, parades, picnics, and tournaments.

All staff members should strive to optimize student-teacher time on task. School administrators should work with the teachers in an attempt to reduce time teachers and/or students spend on non-learning activities. Teachers should be prepared to start their learning activities as soon as the students enter their classrooms.

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.

Legal Reference:	§79-101	Term, Defined.
	§79-201	Length of School Term.
	§79-211	Minimum School Term.
	§79-212	Kindergarten Program, Minimum hours.
	§79-213	School, Failure To Maintain, Loss of State Funds, Exceptions.