

PUBLIC HEARING**INSTRUCTIONAL TIME EXEMPTIONS****SUMMARY**

Oregon law requires that schools provide students a certain number of instructional hours each year. Beaverton's school schedules meet or exceed these standards. Certain students may be exempted from being included in the calculation of instructional time, with annual approval by the board after a public hearing. Exemptions are requested for seniors who are on track to meet graduation requirements and students enrolled in alternative education programs.

BACKGROUND

Oregon Administrative Rule 581-022-2320 requires school districts to provide a specified number of hours of instructional time (900 hours for grades K–8, 990 hours for grades 9–11, 966 hours for grade 12). Districts report on this annually as part of their required Division 22 reporting.

Beaverton's school schedules meet or exceed the instructional time standards based on actual class time, without applying any allowances provided in state law to credit time for recess, professional development or parent-teacher conferences. No waivers or allowances are required.

Districts also must ensure at least 92% of all students in the district and at least 80% of students at each school are scheduled to receive the required hours of instructional time. The state provides that selected groups of students may be exempted from the requirement and not included in the district's calculation of instructional time, with approval of the local school board after a public hearing.

The school board may approve exemptions to the instructional time requirement for seniors on track to meet graduation requirements and students in the Passages program at the Merlo Campus. These exemptions have been approved annually in past years.

RECOMMENDATION

A public hearing will be held regarding the proposed exemptions. Community members may provide testimony following the same procedures as for general public comment.

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