
2011-12 Compliance with Division 22 Standards for Instructional Time

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION

For the 2011-12 school year, student contact days have been reduced from 175 to 173 due to budget reductions. In addition, with the restoration of early release for end of term exams in all comprehensive high schools and the introduction of the additional passing period required for an extended learning time period, Southridge High School provides students with 983 hours of instruction. The number of hours of instruction in options schools ranges from 940 hours at Health & Science School to 986 hours at ACMA. All other schools in the District remain in compliance with State instructional time requirements.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Each year, the Superintendent must complete and present an annual report to the community that the School District is in compliance with and is implementing as required, all of the Standards for Public Elementary and Secondary Schools as set out in OAR Chapter 581, Division 22, including all new and revised rules by January 15.

Oregon Administrative Rule 581-022-1620 requires school district annual instructional programs to provide to students, at a minimum, the following number of hours of instruction:

Kindergarten (based on half-day)	405 hours
Grades 1 through 3	810 hours
Grades 4 through 8	900 hours
Grades 9 through 12	990 hours

Under 581-022-1620(5), a School Board may reduce the annual instructional hour requirement for students by “up to a total of 30 hours to accommodate staff development activities, pupil transportation schedules, or other local program scheduling arrangements”.

For the 2011-12 school year, even with the instructional time waiver, the District will not be in compliance with instructional time requirements at Health & Science, SST and Community School due to the reduction of two student contact days.

RECOMMENDATION:

(11-99) The Board reduces by 30 hours the annual instructional time requirement for students in grades 9 – 12 attending learning options schools in 2011-12 to accommodate transportation of students to these school sites and reduces the annual instructional time requirement for students at Southridge High School by 10 hours.

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