
2013-14 Compliance with Division 22 Standards for Instructional Time

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION

For the 2013-14 school year, student contact days have been reduced from 175 to 172 due to budget reductions. As a result, the number of hours of instruction has been reduced to as few as 988 hours at comprehensive high schools (Westview) and 974 hours at options schools. . Students in grades K-8 continue to receive more than the minimum instructional time required by rule. Grade 9-12 students at Health and Science will not receive the minimum number of hours of instruction in 2013-14 even with the Board’s reduction of required instructional time. This will be reported to ODE as part of the Division 22 assurances and corrected for the 2014-15 school year

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”.

RECOMMENDATION:

(13-344) The Board reduces by 30 hours the annual instructional time requirement for students in grades 9 – 12 in 2013-14 to accommodate transportation of students to option school sites and staff development activities in high schools.