



POLICY ID
SUBJECT: INSTRUCTIONAL DAY
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1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The Winnipeg School Division shall be responsible for providing appropriate educational programs for all students. These programs are designed to assist students to achieve the essential basic skills in oracy, literacy and numeracy, to develop a positive self-image and to foster academic, physical, social and personal growth.

2. LENGTH OF INSTRUCTIONAL DAY

- 2.1 The length of the instructional day for students in The Winnipeg School Division shall be:
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| Nursery | - | 2-1/2 hours per class |
| Kindergarten | - | 2-1/2 hours per class |
| Grade 1-Senior 4 | - | 5-1/2 hours |
- 2.2 Proposals for variations to the length of the instructional day must be reviewed by the superintendent and approved by the Board and is subject to the applicable provisions in the Collective Agreement with the Winnipeg Teachers' Association.

3. TIME ALLOTMENTS

- 3.1 The Winnipeg School Division shall ensure that the learning outcomes for the compulsory curricula as outlined by Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth form the basis of the instructional programs. One implication is the provision of appropriate time allotments to ensure that sufficient time is allocated to allow for the achievement of the learning outcomes.
- 3.2 Notwithstanding clause 3.1, it is recognized that flexibility in allocating time is desirable, and sometimes necessary. To that end, the Winnipeg School Division accepts the need to modify the standard for time allocations provided that such modifications:
- (a) are consistent with the learning outcomes,
 - (b) meet the needs of students, and
 - (c) are approved in accordance with clause 4.1.
- 3.3 Individual schools may choose integration of subject area learning, where appropriate, in order to maximize student achievement. This could include the integration of areas such as computers or study skills with learning across the curriculum; of language arts with social studies; of mathematics with science and/or the use of theme based learning to assist students to make connections amongst subject areas.
- 3.4 Notwithstanding the requirements of the compulsory curriculum, the Winnipeg School Division recognizes the value of optional courses and shall allow for the establishment of such courses that may be selected from courses for which Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth prepares guidelines or which are developed and approved by the Division (School Initiated Courses).

4. RESPONSIBILITY

- 4.1 The Chief Superintendent shall be responsible for the implementation of this policy with the authority to delegate to the Superintendents of Schools the responsibility to approve time allotments.
- 4.2 It will be the responsibility of the principal of a school to ensure the appropriate use of time during the instructional day.
- 4.3 It will be the responsibility of all teachers to ensure that teaching is consistent with the expectations of Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth and the Division and that approved time allotments are adhered to.