

RECOMMENDED INSTRUCTIONAL TIME ALLOCATIONS

The instructional time allocations below are based on considerations of a balance curriculum for Grades K-8. The allocations are expressed in minutes per week (based on 5.5 hours of instruction per day) as well as in percentages (to facilitate instructional planning for those with more than 5.5 hours of instruction per day). Percentages have been rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent. The activities are based on instructional time only (i.e. not to include recess/lunch).

Regarding religion class, whenever possible it should be scheduled first thing in the morning so that the religion class then can be integrated throughout the day. **Mass can not be included as instructional time.** Mass should be celebrated at least once a week. If Mass for some reason is not celebrated in a particular week, another religion class needs to be inserted in that time slot. Remember the state does not recognize Mass/prayer time as instructional time.

Health and Safety, Computer Education, and Writing Skills should be integrated/incorporated into the curriculum.

The total number of minutes is the minimal expectation. Be sure that schedules reflect at least the 1650 minutes per week of required instructional time.

Curricular Areas	K	Gr. 1-2	Gr. 3-4	Gr. 5-6	Gr. 7-8
Religion	125	150	175	175	200
	7.6%	9.1%	10.6%	10.6%	12.1%
Language Arts (Reading/Literature, Writing, Accelerated Reader, Phonics, English, Spelling, Library, Foreign Language)	700	600	550	500	475
	42.4%	36.4%	33.3%	30.3%	28.8%
Mathematics	175	250	225	200	200
	10.6%	15.2%	13.6%	12.1%	12.1%
Science	75	125	150	200	200
	4.5%	7.6%	9.1%	12.1%	12.1%
Social Studies	75	125	150	200	200
	4.5%	7.6%	9.1%	12.1%	12.1%
Fine Arts (Music, Art)	150	80	80	80	80
	9.1%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%
Computer Education	40	40	40	40	40
	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%
Physical Education	80	80	80	80	80
	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%
Additional minutes to be allotted to any curricular areas (for flexibility in instructional time planning)	230	200	200	175	175
	13.9%	12.1%	12.1%	10.6%	10.6%
Total minutes per week	1650	1650	1650	1650	1650