

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar shall accommodate the education program of the school district. The school calendar shall accommodate instruction for a minimum of 1,080 hours for students in grades nine through twelve and 1,032 hours for students in grades one through eight. The kindergarten school year shall consist of a minimum of 516 instructional hours. The school calendar shall include, but need not be limited to, days for student instruction, staff development, in-service days and teacher conferences.

The instructional program shall include the time when school is scheduled to begin until the time when school is scheduled to end each day. The time scheduled for lunch period shall be excluded from the instruction program time. Passing time may be counted as instructional time.

Time when school is not in session shall not count toward the 1080 hour, 1032, or 516 instructional hour requirement. Time when school is not in session shall include but not be limited to school dismissed for inclement weather, excessive heat, or in-service activities, and certain specified school activities.

Hours scheduled for interscholastic sports, clubs, and contests, including traveling to and participation in event, shall be excluded from the 1080 and 1032 instructional program time except for Nebraska School Activities Association sponsored district and state contests and state play-off participation. Nebraska State Department of Education district and state sponsored contests and events may be included in instructional time (FHA) (FBLA). Faculty sponsorship in interscholastic sports, clubs, and contests shall be governed by the same constraining on student time scheduled for the same activities.

Sufficient hours shall be scheduled and added to the instructional program time in the school year so that any interruptions in instructional time due to interscholastic activities and other identified activities in policy do not infringe upon the 1080 and 1032 instructional hours. This policy shall regulate the time allowed for student participation in and faculty sponsorship of interscholastic sports, clubs, and contests to meet the intent of the law and the NDE Rules.

Interscholastic sports, clubs, and contests shall be defined as school events which involve student participation (one or more students) and faculty sponsorship. The activities in these categories are identified as all athletic events (Golf, Cross Country, Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Wrestling, Track) and FCCLA, FBLA, Music, Drama, Speech, and Debate.

Students scheduled to be absent from instructional time for interscholastic sports, clubs, and contests shall be required to make up all assigned school academic work and monitored by school officials before leaving and being excused for the activity. Failure to

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comply with this procedure shall be cause for the student not to attend the scheduled activity as part of the school sponsored team.

Administrative and teacher effort shall be made to comply with the legislative intent of the law in relation to instructional hour (Chapter 79, Article 7) to keep the scheduled interruptions limited in nature.

Legal Reference:      Neb. Statute 79-211  
                              Neb. Statute 79-701 et seq.  
                              NDE Rule 10.012.01B

Cross Reference:      503      Student Attendance