## **SCHOOL DAY**

This school system exists to provide education to the children and young people who reside within the unit. The direct contact of competent teachers with eager students in the instructional setting is essential to effective teaching and learning. It is the intent of the Board that the maximum optimal instructional time for each age level within the student body is provided during every typical school day.

The "instructional day" is not considered to include recess, lunch, intramurals, other extracurricular activities and such like. Exceptions shall only be made with the approval of the Superintendent. The number of school days shall meet or exceed the state requirement and be set annually by this Board and be included in the school calendar. Abbreviated days to be included for in-service, conferences, etc., shall be kept to a minimum.

## Grades 1-12

The instructional day, as defined in Chapter 125, for Grades 1 through 12 should consist of a minimum of 5 hours.

The instructional year should include at least 875 instructional hours.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 4801

Ch. 125 § 6.02-6.04 (Me. Dept. of Ed. Rule)