Each instructional day shall consist of not less than the minimum amount of time as identified below by grade levels. Each school determines their specific beginning and end time based on the community and program needs.

- Kindergarten 356 hours/year
- First – Third (1 – 3) 712 hours/year
- Fourth – Sixth (4 – 6) 890 hours/year
- Seventh – Eighth (7 – 8) 1068 hours/year
- High School 720 hours/year
  - A qualifying High School program has an additional requirement that at least four (4) subjects each must be 123 hours per year.

Variance from this requirement may be sought under A.R.S. 15-861.

**Passing Time, Lunch and Recess Periods**
Lunch periods and recess periods may **not** be included as part of the instructional hours unless the student is a child with a disability and the child's individualized education program requires instruction during those periods and the specific reasons for such instruction are fully documented.

Passing from class to class if maintained to a minimum, (the time it takes to go between the furthest classes) may be included as part of the instructional hours.

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15-801 School year; school month; holidays
15-861 Four day school week and alternative kindergarten programs
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