

Instructional/Accrued Instructional Time

The instructional day in Tyler County is based upon State Board Policy 2510.

The instructional day falls within the workday and is defined as time allocated for mastery of the state established standards and objectives.

Instructional time does not include such times as recess, class change, homeroom and lunch.

These minimum daily instructional allocations must be applied to a school calendar, which meets the requirements of West Virginia Code 18-5-45. The school calendar shall provide, at a minimum, 1500 minutes per week for pre-k, and an instructional day of 315 minutes for kindergarten and grades 1-4-5, 330 minutes for grades 6-8, and 345 minutes for grades 9-12.

If the school's instructional day exceeds the minimum required, the excess amount of time, accrued time, may be used during the year for non-instructional activities. Accrued time may be used to provide for professional development that may include collaborative meeting time, time for training, and/or continuing education as may be needed to improve student performance and meet the requirements of the federal mandates affecting elementary and secondary education.

When the equivalent instructional time added to the instructional day (i.e. elementary school: $315 + 30 = 345$ minutes, middle school: $330 + 30 = 360$ minutes, high school: $345 + 30 = 375$ minutes), a school has achieved sufficient equivalent instructional time to avoid rescheduling or adding instructional days missed due to school closures for inclement weather or other emergencies. The county may credit the equivalent instructional time up to five instructional days canceled during the instructional term with notice to the WVBE.

Accrued instructional time may be used to make up hours for of instructional time for Faculty Senates and for PLC meetings scheduled throughout the school year.

REFERENCE: State Board Policy 2510—Assuring the Quality of Education:
Regulations for Education Programs, State Board
West Virginia Code 18-5-45 School Calendar.
State Board Policy 3234 School Calendar

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