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Chapter 22: School Day

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SCHOOL DAY

Section 1. Authority. These rules and regulations are promulgated pursuant to the Wyoming Education Code of 1969 (as amended) (W.S. 21-02-304).

Section 2. Applicability. These rules and regulations apply to all public schools (K-12) except those operating under an alternative schedule approved by the State Board of Education.

Section 3. Promulgation, Amendment, or Repeal of Rules. Any amendments to these rules shall become effective as provided by the Wyoming Administrative Procedures Act (W.S. 16-3-101 through 16-3-115).

Section 4. Definitions.

(a) "Alternative Schedule". Any schedule approved by the State Board of Education under the procedures outlines in Chapter XXI of these Rules and Regulations.

Section 5. School Day.

(a) The Board of Trustees of each local school district shall establish by policy the length of a school day for kindergarten, elementary, middle/junior high, and secondary school programs. Local board policy may exceed the minimum hours established by these rules. Local board policy may also provide for an adjusted school/hour/day schedule for staff development, teacher planning, community involvement, and similar professional and development activities without written notification to and authorization by the State Board of Education (SBE) or the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE). In no case, however, may applicable pupil/teacher contact time be less than the minimums for hours set out in subsections (i) through (iv) below. (Deviation from the following minimums require that an alternative schedule be filed with the WDE for prior approval by the SBE; see Chapter XXI, Alternative Schedules for related information.) School/hour/day schedules must be reflected and described in the district calendar submitted to WDE, as well as in any accreditation reports. The minimum annual student-teacher contact time for Wyoming public schools (kindergarten through grade 12) shall be:

- (i) Kindergarten. A minimum of 450 hours.
- (ii) Elementary. A minimum of 900 hours.
- (iii) Middle School/Junior High. A minimum of 1050 hours.
- (iv) Secondary. A minimum of 1100 hours.

Section 6. Saturday/Sunday Classes.

(a) Saturdays or Sundays may not be used as days taught unless written permission has been granted by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Such permission may be granted

to make up days when school is dismissed because of emergency situations beyond control of the school authorities, provided no religious minority is disadvantaged thereby.