

School Day

Elementary and secondary schools shall be in session for not less than 180 days each year. The Commissioner may disregard a deficiency of the 180 requirement of up to five days on account of extraordinary adverse weather conditions, impairment of heating facilities, insufficiency of water supply, fuel shortages, or the destruction of a school if the Commissioner determines the District cannot make up such instruction during the balance of the school year. (Ed. Law 3604)

The minimum length of the school day which is required to offer the State programs of studies is as follows (exclusive of time allowed for lunch):

Kindergarten

Full-day session 5 hours

Half-day session 2-1/2 hours

Grades 1 through 6 5 hours

Grades 7 through 12 5-1/2 hours

Where a school is on double or overlapping sessions, the school day shall be no less than 4-