

For the purposes of RI Gen. Laws § 16-2-2, a 'school day' is defined to mean regular operation of all schools in the district for a period which in the case of elementary schools consists of not less than five and a half (5½) hours (330 minutes) of actual school work, excluding lunch and recess periods, common planning time, pre and post school teacher time, and any other time that is not actual instructional time. The kindergarten day shall be not less than two and three quarters (2¾ hours) of actual school work excluding recess and any other time that is not actual instructional time.

In the case of secondary schools, the school day shall also consist of not less than five and a half (5½) hours of actual school work, excluding lunch and recess periods, study halls homeroom, common planning time, student passing time, pre and post teacher time, and any other time that is not actual instructional time.

For the purposes of determining the adequacy of instructional time, time dedicated to student advisory may be included in calculating the required instructional time.

The Commissioner of Education shall make such additional determinations as to the inclusion or exclusion of time within the category of instructional time based upon his review of each district's submission of its elementary and secondary schedules.

### **References**

Board of Regents Regulations  
Collective Bargaining Agreement (TAN)