## Instruction

## School Day for Students

The school day shall be scheduled in such a way that students are given the best opportunity for their educational growth and development. The length of the day, and the arrangement of time segments within it, need not be uniform for all grade levels.

- A) The length of the school day in the secondary schools shall be no less than 380 minutes.
- B) The hours of opening and closing each type of school shall be determined by the Superintendent of Schools. The time of opening and ending the school day may be modified where transportation or other conditions justify such a change upon the authorization of the Superintendent of Schools provided that the length of school sessions are not shortened.
- C) During the school year, all schools shall be in session five (5) days a week, Monday through Friday, except upon emergency authorization of the Superintendent of Schools or during authorized school breaks.
- D) In designing the student day, the following considerations are to be met:
  - 1. The learning activities of each student are carefully guided and supervised.
  - 2. Each student has opportunities to receive individual assistance from teachers outside of the regular school day.
  - 3. Parents shall be informed of late starts or early dismissal.
  - 4. Early dismissal for student employment shall be subject to approval of the building administration. Parental or guardian permission shall precede any early dismissal for work related activities. Early dismissal of other students shall be for reasons of health, etc., and must be validated by the student's parent or guardian.
  - 5. Changes in the school day shall be subject to the approval of the Superintendent.

## After School Activities - Open Night

It shall be the policy of the Alliance Public Schools that all school-sponsored or school-related activities shall be completed by no later than 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and no activities shall be scheduled on Sundays unless they are listed as activities waived by the Board of Education. Such list of activities shall be maintained by the High School Principal and approved by the Board on an annual basis. School-sponsored or school-related activities are curricular or co-curricular activities involving students in grades K-12. Such activities shall include informal athletic workouts, open gym activities, recognition events, organization meetings, or any other

activity that is in any way encouraged by school staff, activity sponsors, coaches, or other individuals acting on behalf of the school district. Completed shall mean that the students involved are to leave the activity venue and are free to take care of personal needs with no other obligation to the activity.

Under very unusual circumstances including events scheduled by Nebraska School Activities Association, the Principal may approve an activity on a Wednesday evening after 6:30 p.m. or Sunday after 1:00 p.m. The Wednesday evening after 6:30 may be waived due to heat restrictions delaying the start of practice with approval of the Principal.

As the activities of the Community Education program and the Alliance Public Schools Foundation are scheduled to meet the needs of all citizens of the community and utilize available facility resources, the activities of these entities shall be exempt from the provisions of this policy.

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