

InstructionSchool Calendar

The Holdrege Public Schools will have at least a school year consisting of 1080 instructional hours for the secondary (grades 9-12), 1032 instructional hours for the elementary school (grades K-4) and middle school (grades 5-8).

An instructional hour shall mean a period of time at least sixty (60) minutes, which is actually used for the instruction of students.

Interruptions in the school year of the 1080, 1032, and 400 instructional hour minimums due to extracurricular activities (interscholastic sports, clubs, and contest) will be held to a minimum. All students participating in such events will be required to comply with the District's policies on student attendance for such absences to be excused, including the completion of assignments for missed classes. Extracurricular activities shall be defined as school events which involve student participation and faculty sponsorship. Interscholastic sports, clubs, and events shall be defined as school activities which involve student participation (one or more students) and faculty sponsorship. Activities so defined include Golf, Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Wrestling, Track, Journalism, Music, and Speech.

The required 1080, 1032, and 400 instructional hour minimums shall not include the following:

1. School Lunch Time
2. Emergency School Closings
3. Time required for traveling to, traveling from, and participation in interscholastic sports, clubs, and events as defined in this policy when 15% or more of the student body is absent due to participation in such activities.

Interruptions for the following events may be included in the required instructional hours, but shall be limited to the extent practicable:

1. Assemblies
2. Pep Rallies
3. Class Meetings
4. Mock Trial
5. Health Screening
6. Yearbook Pictures
7. Program Practices
8. Early Dismissal for Graduating Seniors

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