Maryland State Department of Education — Equity and Excellence

Maryland Together: Maryland's Recovery Plan for Education
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

State Board Update | September 1, 2020

Mandated Calendar Requirements

School systems are required to submit calendar days and hours every year. All school systems' indicated compliance with the mandated hours and days in the Annotated Code and COMAR.

During the review of the submitted Recovery Plans and additional requests for specific hours of synchronous and asynchronous instruction, it was determined that mandated days and hours were not being met in all school systems.

Md. Ann. Code, Ed. Art., §7-103 a(2)

(a)   Except as provided in subsections (b), (e), and (f) of this section, each public school under the jurisdiction of a county board:

(1)   (i) Shall be open for pupil attendance for at least 180 actual school days and a minimum of 1,080 school hours during a 10–month period in each school year; or

(ii)   If normal school attendance is prevented because of conditions described in subsection (b) of this section, shall be open for at least 1,080 hours during a 10–month period;

(2)   Shall be open for pupil attendance a minimum of 3 hours during each school day; and

(3)   May not be open on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays in order to meet the 180–day or 1,080–hour requirement of this subsection.

COMAR 13A.02.01.04 Attendance

.04 Length of the School Year

A. Schools shall be open a minimum of 180 days per year. In implementing Education Article, §7-103, Annotated Code of Maryland

Synchronous Learning

Acceptable to include in synchronous learning (remote learning that happens in real time with the interaction between the teacher and students and occurs in a virtual classroom setting)

- ✓ Direct teacher instruction
- ✓ Targeted small group instruction
- ✓ Teacher led – large/small group discussions
- ✓ Collaborative groups
- ✓ Assessment/checking for understanding
- ✓ Office hours that include meeting with students
- ✓ Guided instruction

Asynchronous Learning

Asynchronous learning

- ✓ Digital platform instruction
- ✓ Pre-recorded video lessons
- ✓ Resource videos
- ✓ Assigned readings
- ✓ Independent practice
- ✓ Paper/pencil learning activities
- ✓ Rotation/center activities
- ✓ Posted assignments

Student Engagement Projection - All Grade Bands - August 2020

		Synchronous			Asynchronous			TOTAL Hours per week
		Days per week	Hours per day	Total hours per week	Days per week	Hours per day	Total hours per week	
Allegany County	PreK	5	1.17	5.85	0	0.00	0.00	5.85
	Grades K-2	5	2.33	11.65	5	1.00	5.00	16.65
	Grades 3-5	5	2.33	11.65	5	1.00	5.00	16.65
	Grades 6-8	5	3.50	17.50	5	2.00	10.00	27.50
	Grades 9-12	5	3.33	16.55	5	2.00	10.00	26.65
Anne Arundel County	PreK-2	4	4.00	16.00	4	1.50	6.00	28.00
	PreK-2	1	2.00	2.00	1	4.00	4.00	
	Grades 3-5	4	4.25	17.00	4	1.50	6.00	28.25
	Grades 3-5	1	1.50	1.50	1	3.75	3.75	
	Grades 6-8	4	4.00	16.00	4	1.50	6.00	28.25
	Grades 6-8	1	2.00	2.00	1	4.25	4.25	
	Grades 9-12	4	4.50	18.00	4	1.50	6.00	29.75
	Grades 9-12	1	2.00	2.00	1	3.75	3.75	
Baltimore City	PreK	5	1.30	6.50	5	2.00	10.00	16.50
	K	5	2.60	13.00	5	2.50	12.50	25.50
	Grades 1, 2	5	3.80	19.00	5	1.60	8.00	27.00
	Grades 3-5	5	3.80	19.00	5	1.60	8.00	27.00
	Grades 6-8	5	5.25	26.25	5	1.00	5.00	31.25
	Grades 9-12	5	5.40	27.00	5	0.83	4.15	31.15

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		Days per week	Hours per day	Total hours per week	Days per week	Hours per day	Total hours per week	
Baltimore County	Pre K (Half day)	5	0.75	3.75	5	1.00	5.00	8.75
	Pre K (Full day)	5	1.33	6.65	5	1.33	6.65	13.30
	K	5	2.00	10.00	5	3.00	15.00	25.00
	Grades 1, 2	4	3.50	14.00	4	3.00	12.00	32.50
	Grades 1, 2	1	3.00	3.00	1	3.50	3.50	
	Grades 3-5	4	3.50	14.00	4	3.00	12.00	32.50
	Grades 3-5	1	3.00	3.00	1	3.50	3.50	
	Grades 6-8	4	3.50	14.00	4	3.00	12.00	32.50
	Grades 6-8	1	3.00	3.00	1	3.50	3.50	
	Grades 9-12	4	3.50	14.00	4	3.00	12.00	32.50
	Grades 9-12	1	3.00	3.00	1	3.50	3.50	
Calvert County	Pre K (Half day)	4	2.2	8.8	1	3.0	3.0	11.18
	Pre K (Full day)	4	4.75	19.00	1	6.5	6.5	25.5
	Grades K-2	4	4.75	19.00	1	6.5	6.5	25.5
	Grades 3-5	4	6.0	19.00	1	6.5	6.5	25.5
	Grades 6-8	4	5.5	22.00	1	6.25	6.25	28.25
	Grades 9-12	4	5.25	21.00	1	5.5	5.5	26.50

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Caroline County	Grades PreK-2	4	4.75	19.00	1	4.75	4.75	23.75
	Grades 3-5	4	5.25	21.00	1	5.25	5.25	26.25
	Grades 6-8	4	5.75	23.00	1	5.75	5.75	28.75
	Grades 9-12	4	6.00	24.00	1	6.00	6.00	30.00
Carroll County	PreK Half Day	5	.75	3.75	5	.50	2.5	6.25
	PreK Full Day	5	1.50	7.50	5	1.50	7.50	15.00
	Grades K-2	5	3.75	18.75	5	1.50	7.50	26.25
	Grades 3-5	5	3.75	18.75	5	1.50	7.50	26.25
	Grades 6-8	5	3.7	18.5	5	1.70	8.5	27.00
	Grades 9-12	5	3.5	17.5	5	2.70	13.5	31.00
Cecil County	PreK , K, 1, 2	2	2.00	4.00	5	3.20	16.00	20.00
	Grades 3-5	4	2.66	10.64	5	2.67	13.33	23.97
	Grades 6-8	4	2.25	9.00	5	4.50	22.50	31.50
	Grades 9-12	4	2.66	10.64	5	2.67	13.33	23.97
Charles County	PreK-2	4	6.50	26.00	1	6.50	6.50	32.50
	Grades 3-5	4	6.50	26.00	1	6.50	6.50	32.50
	Grades 6-8	4	6.50	26.00	1	6.50	6.50	32.50
	Grade 9-12	4	6.50	26.00	1	6.50	6.50	32.50

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Dorchester County	PreK, K	4	1.25	5.00	5	1.00	5.00	10.00
	Grades 1-5	4	2.50	10.00	5	2.50	12.50	22.50
	Grades 6-8	4	3.00	12.00	5	3.00	15.00	27.00
	Grades 9-12	4	3.00	12.00	5	3.00	15.00	27.00
Frederick County	PreK (Half day)	5	1.60	8.00	5	0.80	4.00	12.00
	PreK (Full day), K, 1, 2	5	3.20	16.00	5	1.70	8.50	24.50
	Grades 3-5	5	3.20	16.00	5	1.70	8.50	24.50
	Grades 6-8	5	3.30	16.50	5	3.20	16.00	32.50
	Grades 9-12	5	3.50	17.50	5	3.00	15.00	32.50
Garrett County	PreK	4	4.75	19.00	1	1.50	1.50	23.50
	PreK, K				4	0.75	3.00	
	Grades 1-2	4	4.75	19.00	1	2.00	2.00	24.00
	Grades 1-2				4	0.75		
	Grades 3-5	4	4.75	19.00	1	3.00	3.00	25.00
	Grades 3-5				4	0.75	3.00	
	Grades 6-8	4	5.00	20.00	1	3.30	3.30	23.30
	Grades 9-12	4	5.00	20.00	1	3.30	3.30	23.30

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Harford County	Pre K		0.00		5	1.00	5.00	5.00
	K	4	3.25	22.00	1	0.50	0.50	22.50
	Grades 1-2	4	4.0	22.00	1	1.00	1.00	23.00
	Grades 3-5	4	4.0	22.00	1	1.50	1.50	23.50
	Grades 6-8	4	5.0	26.00	1	6.50	6.50	32.50
	Grades 9-12	4	4.5	24.00	1	6.00	6.00	30.00
Howard County	PreK (Full day)	4	2.08	8.32	4	0.83	3.32	12.64
	PreK (Full day)				1	1.00	1.00	
	K	4	3.92	15.68	4	1.25	5.00	23.68
	K				1	3.00	3.00	
	Grades 1, 2	4	3.92	15.68	4	1.25	5.00	23.68
	Grades 1, 2				1	3.00	3.00	
	Grades 3-5	4	3.92	15.68	4	1.25	5.00	23.68
	Grades 3-5				1	3.00	3.00	
	Grades 6-8	1	4.17	4.17	1	1.33	1.33	30.17
	Grades 6-8	3	3.67	11.01	3	2.74	7.41	
	Grades 6-8				1	6.25	6.25	
	Grades 9-12	1	4.17	4.17	3	2.47	7.41	30.17
	Grades 9-12	3	3.67	11.01	1	6.25	6.25	

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Kent County	**PreK-K**	5	3.00	15.00	5	.50	2.50	15.00
	Grades 1-2	5	3.50	17.50	5	1.5	7.5	25.00
	Grades 3-5	5	4.00	20.00	5	2.0	10.00	30.00
	Grades 6-8	5	3.5	17.50	5	1.5	7.5	25.00
	Grades 9-12	5	5.20	26.00	5	1.5	7.5	33.5
Montgomery County	**PreK-2**	4.5	4.75	21.38	1	2.50	2.50	23.88
	Grades 3-5	4.5	4.75	21.38	1	2.50	2.50	23.88
	Grades 6-8	4.5	4.00	18.00	4	1.00	4.00	22.00
	Grades 9-12	4.5	4.00	18.00	4	1.00	4.00	22.00
Prince George's County	**PreK-3**	4.5	2.45	11.02	4.5	2.1	9.45	20.47
	Grades 4-6	4.5	4.3	19.35	4.5	1.1	4.95	24.3
	Grades 6-8	4.5	4	18.00	4.5	1.4	6.3	24.3
	Grades 9-12	4.5	4	18.00	4.5	1.4	6.3	24.3

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Queen Anne's County	PreK-2	4	4.50	18.00	4	2.50	10.00	35.00
	PreK-2				1	7.00	7.00	
	Grades 3-5	4	4.58	18.32	4	2.42	9.68	35.00
	Grades 3-5				1	7.00	7.00	
	Grades 6-8	4	2.50	10.00	4	4.50	18.00	35.00
	Grades 6-8				1	7.00	7.00	
	Grades 9-12	2	3.00	6.00	2	4.00	8.00	35.00
	Grades 9-12	3	0.67	2.01	3	6.33	18.99	
St. Mary's County	PreK, K-2	4	2.75	11.00	4	2.75	11.00	22.00
	Grades 3-5	4	2.75	11.00	4	2.75	11.00	22.00
	Grades 6-8	4	2.75	11.00	4	2.75	11.00	22.00
	Grades 9-12	4	2.75	11.00	4	2.75	11.00	22.00
Somerset County	PreK, K	5	0.00	0.00	5	5.00	25.00	25.00
	Grades 1-2	5	0.00	0.00	5	5.50	27.50	27.50
	Grades 3-5	5	4.50	22.50	5	1.00	5.00	27.50
	Grades 6-7	5	4.50	22.50	5	1.50	7.50	30.00
	Grades 8-12	5	3.50	17.50	5	2.50	12.50	30.00

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Talbot County	PreK-2	4	3.5	14.00	4	2.00	8.00	22.00
	Grades 3-5	4	3.50	14.00	4	2.00	8.00	25.00
	Grades 3-5				1	3.00	3.00	
	Grades 6-8	4	3.50	14.00	4	2.50	10.00	28.00
	Grades 6-8				1	4.00	4.00	
	Grades 9-12	4	3.50	14.00	4	2.50	10.00	28.00
	Grades 9-12				1	4.00	4.00	
Washington County	PreK	5	2.00	10.00	5	0.75	3.75	13.75
	K	5	2.50	12.50	5	1.00	5.00	17.50
	Grades 1-5	5	3.50	17.50	5	1.50	7.50	25.00
	Grades 6-8	5	3.50	17.50	5	2	10.0	27.50
	Grades 9-12	5	3.50	17.50	5	2.5	12.5	30.0

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Wicomico County	**PreK**	4	1.50	6.00	4	0.50	2.00	10.50
	PreK				1	2.50	2.50	
	Grades K-5	4	2.50	10.00	4	2.00	8.00	23.00
	Grades K-5				1	5.00	5.00	
	Grades 6-8	4	3.00	3.00	4	3.00	12.00	30.00
	Grades 6-8				1	6.00	6.00	
	Grades 9-12	4	3.50	14.00	4	3.50	14.00	35.00
	Grades 9-12				1	7.00	7.00	
Worcester County	**PreK, K,1, 2**	5	2	10	5	2	10.00	20.00
	Grades 3-5	5	2.5	12.5	5	1.5	7.5	20.00
	Grades 6-8	5	3.0	15.00	5	3.00	15.0	30.00
	Grades 9-12	5	2.0	10.00	5	4.00	20.0	30.00

Recommendations - Option A

✓ Schools must be open for students at least 180 school days.

✓ All schools must include at least a total of six hours per day.

✓ A school day for each local school system must include the recommended minimum number of hours of synchronous instruction for each grade band per day, five days per week.

✓ Half day pre-K school day for each local school system must include a minimum of 1.5 hours of synchronous instruction per day, five days per week.

✓ School systems that have indicated that they are not returning students in person until second semester should reevaluate their reopening plans by the end of the first quarter (after nine weeks).

✓ Recommended minimum hours need to be implemented by September 28.

Recommendations - Option B

✓ Schools must be open for students at least 180 school days.

✓ All schools must include at least a total of six hours per day.

✓ Schools must have an average of 3.5 hours of synchronous instruction spread out over the course of the day.

✓ Half day preK school day for each local school system must include a minimum of 1.5 hours of synchronous instruction spread out over the course of the half-day.

✓ MSDE will collaborate with local school Superintendents and provide technical assistance as they work to implement the minimum hours of synchronous instruction and work with local school systems, in collaboration with their local health departments, to consider strategies to return students to in-person instruction by the end of the calendar year.