

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001,
8 Section 1-111, as last amended by Section 81, Chapter
9 5, O.S.L. 2004 (70 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 1-111),
10 which relates to the school day; authorizing school
11 districts to extend and reduce a certain number of
12 school days to provide for teacher collaboration
13 time; requiring a total amount of instructional time;
14 defining teacher collaboration time; listing
15 collaborative activities; requiring school district
16 to submit notice to the State Board of Education;
17 providing an effective date; and declaring an
18 emergency.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1-111, as
21 last amended by Section 81, Chapter 5, O.S.L. 2004 (70 O.S. Supp.
22 2008, Section 1-111), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 1-111. A. ~~A~~ Except as otherwise provided for in
24 subsection B of this section or by any other law, a school day shall
25 consist of not less than six (6) hours devoted to school activities,
26 ~~except that a school day for~~ A school day for a nursery, early
27 childhood education, kindergarten, extended day program, and

1 alternative education programs shall be as otherwise defined by law
2 or as defined by the State Board of Education. Except for schools
3 operating under an extended day schedule as provided for in Section
4 1-109 of this title, not more than one (1) school day shall be
5 counted for attendance purposes in any twenty-four-hour period.

6 B. 1. A school may elect to extend the length of not more than
7 seven (7) school days to more than six (6) hours and reduce the
8 length of not more than seven (7) school days to less than six (6)
9 hours for the purpose of providing teacher collaboration time as
10 long as the total amount of classroom instruction time is not less
11 than one thousand eighty (1,080) hours per year as required pursuant
12 to Section 1-109 of this title.

13 2. For purposes of this subsection, "teacher collaboration
14 time" means time scheduled by the school district before the start
15 of or after the end of classroom instruction time for any of the
16 following activities:

- 17 a. professional learning communities,
- 18 b. vertical teaming,
- 19 c. sharing of instructional strategies and model lessons,
- 20 d. data review and data team meetings,
- 21 e. curriculum coordination and planning,
- 22 f. development of common assessments,
- 23 g. interdisciplinary lesson planning, and
- 24 h. use of technology for classroom instruction.

1 3. Upon adoption and prior to implementation of a schedule
2 which includes teacher collaboration time, the school district shall
3 notify the State Department of Education.

4 C. Students absent from school in which they are regularly
5 enrolled may be considered as being in attendance if the reason for
6 such absence is to participate in scheduled school activities under
7 the direction and supervision of a regular member of the faculty or
8 to participate in a remote Internet-based course approved by the
9 district board of education. The State Board of Education shall
10 adopt rules to provide for the implementation of remote Internet-
11 based courses.

12 ~~C.~~ D. Each district board of education shall adopt policies and
13 procedures that conform to rules for Internet-based courses as
14 adopted by the State Board. Such policies shall include criteria
15 for approval of the course, the appropriateness of the course for a
16 particular student, authorization for full-time students to enroll
17 in Internet-based courses, and establishing fees or charges. No
18 district shall be liable for payment of any fees or charges for any
19 Internet-based course for a student who has not complied with the
20 district's policies and procedures. Districts shall require
21 students enrolled in Internet-based courses to participate in the
22 Oklahoma School Testing Program Act. Students participating in
23 Internet-based courses from a remote site will be responsible for
24 providing their own equipment and Internet access, unless the

1 district chooses to provide the equipment. Credit may not be
2 granted for such courses except upon approval of the State Board of
3 Education and the district board of education.

4 ~~D.~~ E. The school day for kindergarten may consist of six (6)
5 hours devoted to school activities.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

7 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
8 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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