

**School Instructional Hours**

Raymond Central Public Schools will have a school year consisting of at least (a) for kindergarten, the time equivalent to 400 hours; (b) for elementary grades one through grade eight, the time equivalent to 1,032 hours, and (c) for grades nine through twelve, the time equivalent to 1,080 hours.

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 instructional hour minimums due to extracurricular activities (interscholastic sports, clubs, and contests) 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 that involve student participation and faculty sponsorship. Interscholastic sports, clubs, and events shall be defined as school activities that involve student participation (one or more students) and faculty sponsorship. Activities so defined include: Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Wrestling, Track, Journalism, Music, Speech, Play Production, Baseball, FFA, FBLA, Skills USA, and Destination Imagination.

The required 1,080, 1,032, and 400 instructional hour minimums shall not include the following:

1. School Lunch Time
2. Passing Time Between Classes
3. Emergency School Closings
4. 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.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-101; Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 79-211 and 79-212; NDE Rule 10

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