

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM:
REQUIRED INSTRUCTION (SECONDARY)

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MINIMUM TIME
REQUIREMENTS
MUSIC
INSTRUCTION

Minimum time requirements shall be as follows:

1. Kindergarten = 15-20 minutes two or three times weekly (classes shall be on an "every-other-day" basis, when possible).
2. Grades 1-2 = 20-30 minutes two or three times weekly (classes shall be on an "every-other-day" basis, when possible).
3. Grades 3-5 = 30-45 minutes two or three times weekly (classes should be on an "every-other-day" basis, when possible).

In addition, rhythms and folk dancing may be offered in combination with the physical education department, or they may be taught separately in the regular music and physical education classes according to faculty and administrative preference on individual campuses.

The above formula is considered as basic; however, consideration should be given to special cases.

ELEMENTARY
MUSIC TEACHER

Formula for staffing elementary music teachers (classroom units defined):

STAFFING
FORMULA

1. Each classroom teacher is to be counted as one.
2. Kindergarten teachers are to be counted as two if they teach both a morning and an afternoon class.
3. Special education teachers:
 - a. Adaptive special education teachers are counted as one.
 - b. Teachers of resource students are not counted since their students are already mainstreamed.
4. The elementary school choir should be counted as one of the units since it should be counted as one of the classes taught, whether taught during the school day, before, or after school.

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1. Twenty teaching units and under - one full-time music teacher.
2. Twenty-one to thirty units - one-and-a-half music teachers.
3. Thirty-one and above class units - two music teachers.

USE OF MUSIC
TEACHER'S TIME

The music teacher's primary responsibility is the teaching of general music (as prescribed by TEA) and music as it relates to other curriculum areas. The music teacher should be given the same consideration in scheduling breaks and other times away from the classroom as other members of the faculty.

CHOIR

The choir program is an additional enrichment part of the music curriculum. Although not mandatory, it is considered very worthwhile when a school can work it in either on school time (preferred) or before or after school (some problems). If choir is presented before or after school, it still should be counted as a classroom unit for the music teacher in working out the daily music schedule.

The music teacher can be expected to handle from seven to ten single classes a day, the number depending on the length of the classes. However, no teacher shall normally be expected to teach more than ten single classes a day (involving approximately 300 students). If classes are combined, they should not exceed 33 students.

This provision does not preclude combining a part of another class so long as the class size does not exceed 32.

SEVEN-PERIOD-
DAY SCHEDULE

In addition to band, choir and orchestra may be substituted for physical education during the seventh grade semester in which a student takes computer literacy and must also take reading because he or she is one or more years below grade level in his or her reading skill.

A revolving schedule may be used.

Principals are given the greatest flexibility in designing the school's remediation/tutorial periods during the school day for those students who are failing core curriculum courses.

A vocational student attempting to take three or four classes in

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addition to vocational course work may earn units of credit in excess of six per year during the regular school day.