

Richmond County School System Instructional Elementary Minutes Expectations

It is expected that elementary administrators will use the minutes below to create instructional schedules.

Kindergarten	Minutes	First Grade	Minutes	Second Grade	Minutes
Homeroom/Community Building***	15	Homeroom/Community Building***	15	Homeroom/Community Building***	15
ELA/Reading and Writing Block* Social Studies Integrated*	125	ELA/Reading and Writing Block* Social Studies Integrated*	140	ELA/Reading and Writing Block* Social Studies Integrated*	140
ELA Intervention/ Acceleration	30	ELA Intervention/ Acceleration	30	ELA Intervention/ Acceleration	30
Math Block*/Science	90	Math Block*/Science	90	Math Block*/Science	90
Math Intervention/ Acceleration	30	Math Intervention /Acceleration	30	Math Intervention/ Acceleration	30
Rest	20				
Lunch	30	Lunch	30	Lunch	30
Recess**	20	Recess**	20	Recess **	20
Specials	45	Specials	45	Specials	45
Transition / Record Keeping	5	Transition / Record Keeping	10	Transition / Record Keeping	10
Total Number of Minutes	410	Total Number of Minutes	410	Total Number of Minutes	410

*Science and Social Studies standards should be integrated into the Reading, Writing, and Math blocks for Kindergarten through Second Grade.

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Third Grade	Minutes	Fourth Grade	Minutes	Fifth Grade	Minutes
Homeroom/Community Building***	15	Homeroom/Community Building***	15	Homeroom/Community Building***	15
ELA/Reading and Writing Block	125	ELA/Reading and Writing Block	90	ELA/Reading and Writing Block	90
ELA Intervention /Acceleration	30	ELA Intervention /Acceleration	30	ELA Intervention/ Acceleration	25
Math Block	85	Math Block	90	Math Block	90
Math Intervention /Acceleration	30	Math Intervention /Acceleration	30	Math Intervention /Acceleration	25
Science & Social Studies Block	30	Science Block	30	Science Block	40
		Social Studies Block	30	Social Studies Block	30
Lunch	30	Lunch	30	Lunch	30
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