

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
ELA/Reading and Writing Block*	130	ELA/Reading and Writing Block	130	ELA/Reading and Writing Block	130
ELA Intervention/Acceleration	30	ELA Intervention/Acceleration	30	ELA Intervention/Acceleration	30
Math Block*	70	Math Block	70	Math Block	70
Math Intervention/Acceleration	30	Math Intervention/Acceleration	30	Math Intervention/Acceleration	30
SEL Instruction*	20	Science/Social Studies Block	30	Science/Social Studies Block	30
Rest	20	SEL Instruction	20	SEL Instruction	20
Lunch	30	Lunch	30	Lunch	30
Recess**	15	Recess**	15	Recess **	15
Specials	30	Specials	30	Specials	30
Total Number of Minutes	385	Total Number of Minutes	385	Total Number of Minutes	385

*Science and Social Studies standards should be integrated into the Reading, Writing, Math and SEL (Harmony Curriculum) blocks for Kindergarten.

**Recess: Schools should schedule quality play time and movement as the schedule allows. If you are interested in learning more about Best Practices related to recess, here are some resources worth reviewing:

1. Responsive Classroom chapter entitled [Playground](#).
2. [Playworks.org](#)
3. [Brain Gym](#) and [Brain Breaks](#)

***SEL Instructional Resources: [Harmony](#) and [Morning Meeting](#) are used to support grades K-3. Schools are encouraged to utilize [Morning Meeting](#) as an integrated opportunity in grades 4-5.

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Third Grade	Minutes	Fourth Grade	Minutes	Fifth Grade	Minutes
ELA/Reading and Writing Block	130	ELA/Reading and Writing Block	90	ELA/Reading and Writing Block	90
ELA Intervention/Acceleration	30	ELA Intervention/Acceleration	25	ELA Intervention/Acceleration	25
Math Block	70	Math Block	90	Math Block	90
Math Intervention/Acceleration	30	Math Intervention/Acceleration	25	Math Intervention/Acceleration	25
Science Block	20	Science Block	45	Science Block	45
Social Studies Block	20	Social Studies Block	45	Social Studies Block	45
Lunch	30	Lunch	30	Lunch	30
**Recess	15	**Recess	15	**Recess	15
Specials	30	Specials	30	Specials	30
SEL Instruction	20	***Morning Meeting			
Total Number of Minutes	395	Total Number of Minutes	395	Total Number of Minutes	395

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Average elementary school day = 405 minutes total

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