

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Elementary Schools

The basic program of studies in the elementary schools shall include the following:

1. Religion
2. Language Arts - Reading, Literature, English, Writing, Spelling
3. Science
4. Mathematics
5. Social Studies
6. Physical Education

In addition, either through a separate curriculum or incorporated into one of the basic curriculum areas, the following subjects shall be taught:

1. Health / AIDS Education / Alcohol & Drug Abuse
2. Computer Instruction
3. Fine Arts – Music, Art, Speech, Drama
4. Media Literacy/Digital Citizenship
5. Foreign Language

High Schools

The program of studies in the high schools shall include the following:

1. Religion
2. Language Arts and Literature
3. Science
4. Mathematics
5. Social Studies/Geography, World History, and History of the United States
6. Foreign Language
7. Fine Arts - Music, Art, Speech and Drama
8. Business
9. Health and Physical Education
10. Driver Education and Safety

In addition, either through a separate curriculum or incorporated into one of the basic curriculum areas, the following subjects shall be taught:

1. Consumer Education
2. Computer Instruction
3. Media Literacy/Digital Citizenship

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Elementary schools shall design their program of studies around the following framework to be used as a guideline for instructional time. The time allocations are expressed in percentages to facilitate instructional planning regardless of the length of the school day.

Percentage Allocations*

CURRICULAR AREAS	PreK/K	Gr. 1-3	Gr. 4-6	Gr. 7-8
Religion	11%	11%	14%	14%
Language Arts (Reading/Literature, English, Writing, Spelling, Library)	25%	41.5%	33%	28%
Mathematics	20%	12.5%	14%	14%
Science	6%	8.5%	12.5%	14%
Social Studies	6%	8.5%	12.5%	14%
Fine Arts (music, dance, drama, visual arts)	12%	6%	6%	6%
Computer Education	0%	3%	3%	5%
Physical Education/Health	10%	5%	5%	5%
Recess/Free Play	10%	4%	0%	0%

* Percentages for PreK/K based upon a half-day program

Conversion to Instructional Minutes/Week (example based on 6-hour instructional day**)

CURRICULAR AREAS	PreK/K	Gr. 1-3	Gr. 4-6	Gr. 7-8
Religion	100	200	250	250
Language Arts (Reading/Literature, English, Writing, Spelling, Library)	225	750	600	500
Mathematics	180	225	250	250
Science	55	150	225	250
Social Studies	55	150	225	250
Fine Arts (music, dance, drama, visual arts)	110	110	110	110
Computer Education	0	50	50	90
Physical Education/Health	90	90	90	90
Recess/Free Play	90	75	0	0

** Minutes for PreK/K are shown based on a 3-hour instructional day