

Instruction

Organization of Instruction ¹

The School District has instructional levels for grades Kindergarten through eighth. The Superintendent shall annually present to the School Board a plan for organizing instructional levels and assigning them to school facilities in order to:

1. Support the District's educational program,
2. Maximize facility usage without undue overcrowding, and
3. Provide substantially comparable instructional programs across the District.

Students, for instructional purposes, may be placed in groups within a school that do not necessarily follow grade level designations. For purposes of attendance reporting and other records, however, each student is assigned a grade-level placement.

Kindergarten ²

The District maintains a full-day kindergarten with an instructional program that fulfills the District's curriculum goals and objectives and the requirements of the State law. The District also offers a half-day kindergarten for those parents/guardians who request a half-day program.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.19a, 5/10-20.37, and 5/10-22.18.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420.

CROSS REF.: 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 7:30 (Student Assignment),
7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools),
7:100 (Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of
Students)

¹ This section is for only those districts having a kindergarten. A board may establish a full-day or half-day kindergarten program. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.18. If a full-day program is established, the district must also establish a half-day program. *Id.*; 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420(h)(1). The district must offer a distinctive curriculum for full- and half-day kindergartens when 20 or more students' parents/guardians request a half-day program. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420(h)(2). A board should consider adding a description of pre-kindergarten programs whether they are for all students or only those who qualify due to special needs.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.37, 5/10-20.19a, and 5/10-22.18 authorize a board to establish a program as described in the following optional provision:

To the extent State or federal funds are available and in accordance with State law, the Superintendent or designee shall establish, maintain, and operate a summer kindergarten program that: (1) begins two months before the beginning of the regular school year, and/or (2) continues for two months after the regular school year for grade one readiness for those students making unsatisfactory progress during the regular kindergarten session. The District shall provide transportation.

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