

SPRING GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION  
Re: Instructional Hours 2021-2022

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the current outbreak of COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Education has determined that the COVID-19 pandemic constitutes an “emergency” within the meaning of Section 520.1 of the Public School Code of 1949, 24 P.S. § 5-520.1; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the current pandemic emergency, the Board of School Directors desires to ensure that the District meets or exceeds the minimum number of days and hours of instruction requirements for students in the 2021-2022 school year and further desires to provide the Administration with maximum flexibility in providing hours of instruction for all students;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board finds and declares that the COVID-19 pandemic is an emergency within the meaning of Section 520.1 of the Pennsylvania School Code and in order to meet or exceed the minimum number of instructional days and hours, further resolves as follows:

1. For the duration of said pandemic but in no event for any period exceeding four (4) years, the Superintendent shall have the duty and the authority to develop a Health and Safety Plan (Plan) in a form and manner prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE).
2. Correlating to such Plan, the Board now submits to PDE the required Emergency Instructional Time Provisions (Provisions) that ensure a minimum of 180 days of instruction, with a minimum of 900 hours of instruction at the elementary level and 990 hours of instruction at the secondary level.
3. The Provisions include, but are not limited to, variations on alternative schedules and any such combination of in-person and/or remote learning mechanisms as the Superintendent deems appropriate to address the health and safety of students, faculty, and community, and the learning needs of students.
4. The Board will clearly define systems for tracking attendance and instructional to ensure student engagement in remote instruction.
5. The Board affirms that clearly defined and ongoing systems for evaluating the quality and outcomes of instructional delivery will be implemented, at least quarterly, and necessary adjustments will be made when data highlight concerns about quality, equity, and/or lack of progress in student learning.
6. The Provisions provide FAPE to all students with disabilities and ensure ESL services to English Learner students.

7. The Provisions include planned instruction consistent with relevant Chapter 4 academic standards and regulations and allow sufficient instructional time necessary for content mastery.
8. The proposed school calendar and academic schedule(s) define instructional time for students as time in the school day devoted to instruction and instructional activities under the direction of certified school employees, consistent with applicable law.
9. The Superintendent is authorized to submit all required documents, including but not limited to, the completed Emergency Instructional Time Template, to the Secretary of Education to demonstrate that the District's plan accounts for at least 180 days and 990/900 hours of instruction. The Superintendent is further authorized to take all necessary steps to implement this Resolution, the Plan, and the Provisions.

RESOLVED this XX day ofXX, 2021.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
SPRING GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mark A. Czapp  
Secretary

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Cindy A. Huber  
President, Board of School Directors

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