

- B. Minimum School Year — O.R.C. §3313.48.
1. Effective for the 2014-2015 school year.
 2. Replaces the minimum number of days in a school year with a minimum number of hours:
 - a. 455 hours for half-day kindergarten;
 - b. 910 hours for all day kindergarten and grades 1 through 6; and
 - c. 1,001 hours for grades 7 through 12.
 3. Calculation of hours:
 - a. Includes scheduled classes, supervised activities, approved education options, up to the equivalent of two school days per year for parent-teacher conferences and reporting periods, up to the equivalent of two school days per year for professional meetings of teachers, and two recess periods of up to 15 minutes for kindergarten through grade 6.
 - b. Excludes lunch and breakfast periods, extracurricular activities, and calamity days.
 4. Boards of education are required to hold a public hearing at least 30 days prior to adopting a school calendar regarding the total number of hours in the school year, the length of the school day, and the beginning and end dates of the school year.
 5. Before making any changes in the hours or days during which a school is open, a board of education must consider:
 - a. The compatibility of the proposed change on the scheduling needs of any joint vocational school districts in which the district has high school students enrolled or a community school to which the district is required to transport students; and
 - b. The impact of the proposed change on student access to the instructional programs offered by the joint vocational school district or community school, incentives for students to participate in career-technical education, transportation, and the timing of graduation; and

- c. The effect of the proposed change on the schedule for transportation of students to nonpublic schools.
 6. The board of education must provide the joint vocational school district board or the governing authority of the community school with advance notice of the proposed change, and enter into a written agreement to make reasonable accommodations.
 7. The board of education must consult with chartered nonpublic schools to which the district is required to transport students prior to making any change in the hours or days during which the district's schools are open for instruction.
 8. If the school is in session for 182 days, half-day kindergarten must attend for two and one-half hours, grades 1 through 6 attend for five hours, and grades 7 through 12 must attend for five and one-half hours.
 9. Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, schools no longer have up to five days a year for calamity days.
 - a. Also eliminates statutory provision permitting a school to count up to two hours a day if it opens late or closes early due to weather.
 - b. If a school cancels classes due to weather, and the closure results in the school falling below the minimum required hours, the school must make up the hours.
- C. School Safety and Security Grant Program — O.R.C. §610.10.
1. Allocated \$12 million to provide funds to public schools for school security systems.
 2. Includes the installation and purchase of one Multi-Agency Radio Communications System ("MARCS") unit per school building, and a security door system, consisting of a security camera, an intercom, and remote access, at one entrance per school building.
 3. If the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the school building does not use MARCS, the school may purchase one emergency communications system compatible with the system or systems the law enforcement agency uses.