

## VARIATION OF SCHOOL HOURS

### Background

Any variation of school hours approved by the superintendent of schools must be consistent with the local school calendar approved by the Board of Education and must accommodate the minimum number of minutes prescribed by the Ministry of Education.

### Procedures

1. The hours of instruction are prescribed by the School Act. The School Calendar Regulations comprise the minimum that schools will offer.
2. The principal/vice principal will inform the superintendent of schools of the school's proposed schedule for the subsequent school year if a change is contemplated.
3. Requests for variation in school hours will be adjudicated by the superintendent of schools as and when submitted. Such requests must address potential impacts on:
  - School Calendar Regulations;
  - Collective agreements;
  - Bus schedules;
  - Ferry schedules;
  - Parent expectations;
  - Staff member expectations; and
  - Any other related items specific to the school community.

Reference: Sections 8, 22, 65, 85, 87.01, 87.02, 87.03 School Act  
School Calendar Regulation B.C. Reg. 314/12