

BOARD POLICY**Descriptor Code: IEDA****Unstructured Break Time**

The Board of Education requires each elementary school to schedule recess for all students in kindergarten and grades one through five every school day; provided, however, that recess shall not be required on any school day on which a student has had physical education or structured activity time or if reasonable circumstances impede such recess, such as inclement weather when no indoor space is available, assemblies or field trips exceeding their scheduled duration, conflicts occurring at the scheduled recess time over which the classroom teacher has no control, or emergencies, disasters, or acts of God.

The Board allows the scheduling of unstructured break time for students in grades 6 through 8 at the discretion of the school principal.

The school principal is authorized to determine the length, frequency, timing, and location of breaks at each school.

In determining the schedule for recess or unstructured break time for students, the principal shall consult with appropriate instructional personnel at the school and system level, as appropriate; to ensure that break time does not interfere with and provides support for academic learning. The principal shall also issue directions concerning the responsibility for supervision of students so that break time will be a safe experience for them.

-Breaks may be withheld from students for disciplinary or academic reasons if prior notice of such is provided to the students.

-Failure to fulfill classroom responsibilities or to adhere to academic requirements may result in the loss of break time.

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