

TIME TO LEARN STRATEGY

Guidelines for Instructional Time: Grades 4–6

The *Time to Learn Strategy* (February 2002) includes the following recommendations relating to instructional time for grades 4–6:

- ▶ that allotment of instructional time for mathematics and literacy reflect their identification as priorities
- ▶ that 60 minutes *Math Time/Temps pour les maths* every day be a guideline for program planning, beginning September 2002
- ▶ that *Math Time/Temps pour les maths* include 5 minutes per day of mental math
- ▶ that every class, grades 4–6, include in its daily schedule one or more blocks of *Learn to Read/Read to Learn Time / Apprendre à lire/Lire pour apprendre* totalling a minimum of 60 minutes, beginning in September 2002
- ▶ that boards and their schools develop a strategy to provide 30 minutes per day for physical education/physical activity programs

GUIDELINES FOR INSTRUCTIONAL TIME: GRADES 4–6			
English Program		Immersion Program	
Core French	10.5% 30 mins./day 150 mins./week	French Language Arts	26–28% Min.: 75–80 mins./day 375–400 mins./week
English Language Arts Goal: 90–120 mins./day	31.6% Minimum: 90 mins./day 450 mins./week	English Language Arts	16–18% Min.: 45–50 mins./day 225–250 mins./week
Health Education	4.2% 60 mins./week	Health Education	3.9–4.2% 55–60 mins./week
Mathematics	21.1% Minimum: 60 mins./day (includes <i>Mental Math</i> : 5 mins./day) 300 mins./week	Mathematics	21.1% Minimum: 60 mins./day (includes <i>Mental Math</i> : 5 mins./day) 300 mins./week
Music	4.2% 60 mins./week	Music	4.2% 60 mins./week
Physical Education Goal: 30 mins./day	8.8% 25 mins./day 125 mins./week	Physical Education	8.8% 25 mins./day 125 mins./week
Science	7.7% 110 mins./week	Science	7.7% 110 mins./week
Social Studies	7.7% 110 mins./week	Social Studies	7–7.7% 100–110 mins./week
Visual Arts	4.2% 60 mins./week	Visual Arts	4.2% 60 mins./week
Minimum Requirements Each Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 5 hours of teaching (may include 15-minute recess) ▶ 60 minutes <i>Math Time</i> including 5 minutes <i>Mental Math</i> ▶ 90 minutes language arts ▶ one or more blocks of <i>Learn to Read/Read to Learn Time</i> in English language arts and other subject areas totalling 60 minutes 		Minimum Requirements Each Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 5 hours of teaching (may include 15-minute recess) ▶ 60 minutes <i>Temps pour les maths</i> including 5 minutes <i>Mental Math</i> ▶ 75 minutes French language arts ▶ 45 minutes English language arts ▶ one or more blocks of time in language arts and other subject areas for <i>Apprendre à lire/Lire pour apprendre</i> totalling 60 minutes 	

Note: Many elementary schools are able to offer more than the minimum 5 hours of teaching for grades 4–6. Allotment of available additional time should reflect the identification of mathematics and literacy as program priorities and the importance of daily opportunities for physical education and physical activity.