

## TIME TO LEARN STRATEGY

### Guidelines for Instructional Time: Grades Primary–3

The *Time to Learn Strategy* (February 2002) includes the following recommendations relating to instructional time for grades primary–3:

- ▶ that allotment of instructional time for mathematics and literacy reflect their identification as priorities
- ▶ that 45 minutes *Math Time/Temps pour les maths* every day be a guideline for program planning in grades primary–2, beginning September 2002
- ▶ that 60 minutes *Math Time/Temps pour les maths* every day be a guideline for program planning in grade 3, beginning September 2002
- ▶ that *Math Time* for grades 1–3 include 5 minutes every day of mental math
- ▶ that 90–100 minutes every day be a guideline for planning the language arts program in grades primary–2, beginning September 2002
- ▶ that 90–120 minutes every day be a guideline for planning the language arts program in grade 3, beginning September 2002
- ▶ that within time designated for language arts in grades primary–3, a minimum of 60 minutes be designated as *Active Reading Hour/L'heure de lecture active* (implemented in September 2000)
- ▶ that boards and their schools develop a strategy to provide 30 minutes every day for physical education/physical activity programs

GUIDELINES FOR INSTRUCTIONAL TIME: ENGLISH PROGRAM		
Subject Area	Grades Primary–2	Grade 3
<b>English Language Arts</b> Goal: 100–120 mins./day	40% <b>Minimum:</b> 90 mins./day (includes <i>Active Reading Hour</i> : 60 mins./day) 450 mins./week	40.4% <b>Minimum:</b> 115 mins./day (includes <i>Active Reading Hour</i> : 60 mins./day) 575 mins./week
<b>Health Education</b>	4.4% 50 mins./week	4.2% 60 mins./week
<b>Mathematics</b>	20% <b>Minimum:</b> 45 mins./day (includes <i>Mental Math</i> : 5 mins./ day grades 1 –2) 225 mins./week	21.1% <b>Minimum:</b> 60 mins./day (includes <i>Mental Math</i> : 5 mins./ day) 300 mins./week
<b>Music</b>	5.3% 60 mins./week	4.2% 60 mins./week
<b>Physical Education</b> Goal: 30 mins./day	9% 20 mins./day 100 mins./week	10.5% 30 mins./day 150 mins./week
<b>Science</b>	8% 90 mins./week	7.7% 110 mins./week
<b>Social Studies</b>	8% 90 mins./week	7.7% 110 mins./week
<b>Visual Arts</b>	5.3% 60 mins./week	4.2% 60 mins./week
<b>Total</b>	100% 225 mins. instruction/day <b>Minimum</b> 1125 mins. instruction/week <b>Minimum</b>	100% 285 mins. instruction/day <b>Minimum</b> 1475 mins. instruction/week <b>Minimum</b>
<b>Minimum Requirements Each Day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>4 hours of teaching</b> (may include 15-minute recess)</li> <li>▶ 90 minutes English language arts including 60 mins. <i>Active Reading Hour</i></li> <li>▶ 45 minutes <i>Math Time</i> including 5 minutes Mental Math grades 1–2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>5 hours of teaching</b> (may include 15-minute recess)</li> <li>▶ 115 minutes English language arts including 60 mins. <i>Active Reading Hour</i></li> <li>▶ 60 minutes <i>Math Time</i> including 5 minutes Mental Math</li> </ul>

**GUIDELINES FOR INSTRUCTIONAL TIME: IMMERSION PROGRAM**

<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Grades Primary–2</b>	<b>Grade 3</b>
<b>English Language Arts</b>	—	16–18% <b>Minimum:</b> 45–50 mins./day 225–250 mins./week
<b>French Language Arts</b>	40% <b>Minimum:</b> 90 mins./day (includes <i>L'heure de lecture active</i> : 60 mins./day) 450 mins./week	26–28% <b>Minimum:</b> 75–80 mins./day (includes <i>L'heure de lecture active</i> : 60 mins./day) 375–400 mins./week
<b>Health Education</b>	4.4% 50 mins./week	3.9–4.2% 55–60 mins./week
<b>Mathematics</b>	20% <b>Minimum:</b> 45 mins./day (includes <i>Mental Math</i> : 5 mins./ day grades 1 –2) 225 mins./week	21% <b>Minimum:</b> 60 mins./day (includes <i>Mental Math</i> : 5 mins./ day grades 1 –2) 300 mins./week
<b>Music</b>	5.3% 60 mins./week	4.2% 60 mins./week
<b>Physical Education</b> Goal: 30 mins./day	9% 20 mins./day 100 mins./week	8.8% 25 mins./day 125 mins./week
<b>Science</b>	8% 90 mins./week	7–7.7% 100–110 mins./week
<b>Social Studies</b>	8% 90 mins./week	7–7.7% 100–110 mins./week
<b>Visual Arts</b>	5.3% 60 mins./week	4.2% 60 mins./week
<b>Total</b>	100% 225 mins. instruction/day <b>Minimum</b> 1125 mins. instruction/week <b>Minimum</b>	98.1%–103.8% 285 mins. instruction/day <b>Minimum</b> 1425 mins. instruction/week <b>Minimum</b>
<b>Minimum Requirements Each Day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>4 hours of teaching</b> (may include 15-minute recess)</li> <li>▶ 90 minutes language arts including 60 minutes <i>L'heure de lecture active</i></li> <li>▶ 45 minutes <i>Math Time</i> including 5 minutes <i>Mental Math</i> grades 1–2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>5 hours of teaching</b> (may include 15-minute recess)</li> <li>▶ 120 minutes language arts including 60 minutes <i>L'heure de lecture active</i></li> <li>▶ 60 minutes <i>Math Time</i> including 5 minutes <i>Mental Math</i></li> </ul>

**Note:** Many elementary schools are able to offer more than the minimum 4 hours of teaching for grades primary–2 and the minimum 5 hours for grades 3–6. 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.