

CURRICULUM:

During the past few years tremendous emphasis has been placed on involving the professional staff, namely classroom teachers, in the revision of the elementary curriculum. Opportunities have been afforded for staff to meet in grade-level settings for the purpose of sharing needs and selecting appropriate materials for implementation of the kindergarten through fourth-grade program. Time allotments are established as a guide to assure adequate attention to the various subject fields.

Over the years our curriculum has been reviewed to place increased content in areas of mathematics and science. These times are not reflected in the table below since it requires a total reallocation and approval by the Board of Education. It is hopeful that this will be addressed in the near future. Teachers are expected to make a genuine commitment to these time allocations, but may deviate from the guide in order to meet the needs of a particular learning situation or special interests of the children. Teachers are also encouraged to use interdisciplinary approaches whenever learning can be enhanced by it.

SUBJECT AREA	GRADE 1 (minutes)	GRADE 2 (minutes)	GRADE 3 (minutes)	GRADE 4 (minutes)
Language Arts Literacy	990	910	745	650
Mathematics	300	300	320	325
Science	70	70	150	150
Social Studies	85	85	150	200
Music	40	40	40	40
Choral Music				40
Art	40	40	40	40
Physical Education, Health & Safety*	150	150	150	150
Spanish**		80	80	80
*Some health and safety instruction may be integrated into science and social studies.				
**In Grades 2, 3 and 4, formal Spanish instruction will be held for 80 minutes per week. The 80 minutes of formal instruction in Spanish will be evenly distributed among the core content subject areas.				