Chapter PI 8

APPENDIX A

Minimum Allocated Instructional Time: Recommended by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Grades Kindergarten (K) through 6: recommended allocations of time per week for a six−hour school day

Grade Level	K*	1	2	3	4	5	6
Reading/English Language Arts**	30%	700	700	600	600	500	425
Mathematics	10%	250	250	250	250	250	250
Social Studies	10%	125	150	175	200	225	250
Science	10%	100	100	150	150	175	250
Health	10%	75	75	100	100	125	125
Physical Education	10%	150	150	150	150	150	150
Art	10%	90	90	90	90	90	90
Music	10%	75	75	75	75	75	75
Foreign Language	−−−	−−−	−−−	−−−	−−−	100	100
Environmental Education***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Computer Literacy***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Career Exploration and Planning****	−−−	−−−	−−−	−−−	−−−	****	****
Total Allocated Instructional Minutes		1565	1590	1590	1615	1690	1715

* Up to one−third of each day in the kindergarten schedule may be reserved for students' self−selected instructional activities. The allocated instructional time recommendations presented in column K apply only to the portion of the schedule planned for teacher−directed activities. The time allocations for kindergarten are expressed in percentages to facilitate planning for various kindergarten schedules.

** Instruction specifically designed to strengthen reading and writing abilities should be integrated into other subject areas, such as health,science, and social studies.

*** Environmental education should be integrated into grades kindergarten through 12, with the greatest emphasis in health, science, and social studies. Computer literacy should be integrated into grades kindergarten through 12.

**** An introduction to career education and planning, through a one semester course or the equivalent in instructional time and course content should be provided in grades 5 to 8.