

Grades 1 – 5 Elementary Subject Time Allotment Guidelines Diocese of Orlando

- Overview:** This following subject time allotment guidelines enables and expects curriculum integration in grades 1 – 5. These guidelines are based on a seven-hour school day average. Adjustments may be made for schedule exceptions requiring early dismissal for faculty meetings and/or staff development. Schools are not expected to follow the minimum or the maximum allotted time in all subject areas. Rather, the ranges are designed to create flexibility in order to meet individual school needs.

Curriculum Area	Grades 1 & 2 Suggested Minutes Per Week	Grade 3 Suggested Minutes Per Week	Grades 4 & 5 Suggested Minutes Per week
Opening/ Closing Recess/ Lunch/ Transition Time	250 - 300	250 - 300	250 - 300
<i>Religion</i> Faith Formation Family Life Liturgical Celebrations	150 - 180	150 - 180	150 - 180
<i>Communication Arts</i> English Grammar Writing Spelling Handwriting Vocabulary Phonics Reading Foreign Language Technology Library/Study Skills	1000 - 1250	1000 - 1250	900 - 1150
<i>Fine Arts</i> Art Drama Music Band Chorus Dance	60 - 90	90 – 120	90 - 120
<i>Personal Well-Being</i> Physical Education Health	60 - 90	90 - 100	90 - 100
<i>Math</i>	200 – 250	200 - 250	200 – 250
<i>Science</i>	60 - 90	90 - 120	120 – 150
<i>Social Studies</i>	60 – 90	80 - 100	120 - 150

- Scheduling:** Religion, Mathematics, and Integrated Language Arts should be scheduled daily. Other subjects allow for greater flexibility. Scheduling should provide for optimal student interest and learning.
- Technology:** Appropriate computer skills, (keyboarding, word-processing, use of software, cd roms, etc.) should be taught. Students should use technology independently as a component of each subject area. Teachers should integrate technology within the content subject area.