Linked Learning: Using Learning Time Creatively to Prepare Students for College and Career

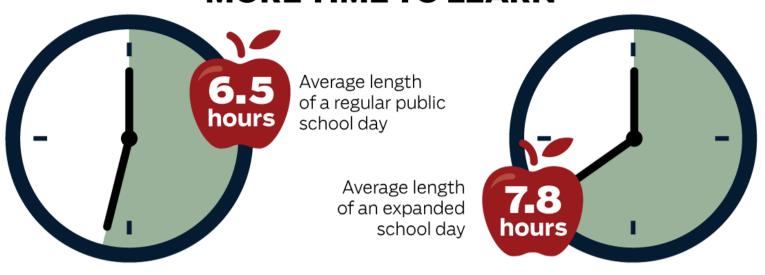
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Which term to use?

- Increased learning time
- Out-of-school time or extended learning time (e.g. before- or after-school, summer learning)
- Expanded learning time

What is expanded learning time?

MORE TIME TO LEARN



Expanded learning time

CLOSES OPPORTUNITY GAPS



Schools work with afterschool programs and community partners to create enrichment activities, including:

Art - Dance
Robotics - Athletics - Life skills
Community building

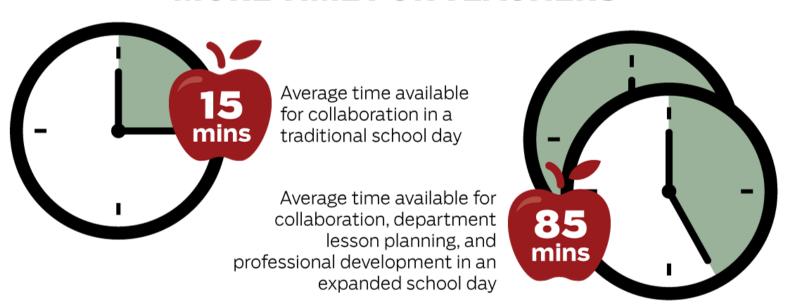


Students have more time for:

Hands-on
academic activities
Extra instruction and tutoring
Reaching their
educational goals

Expanded learning time

MORE TIME FOR TEACHERS



Why more learning time?

Increased learning time is a promising strategy to increase student achievement.

 Growing body of research associated with more learning time and improved student outcomes

 A recent meta-analysis found strong, positive effects of longer school days or years on large populations of underserved students

Creative Use of Time in High Schools

At the high school level, increased learning time is most effective when it is connected to real-world experiences.

- Transitions from high school to college and career
- Opportunities on college campuses
- Apprenticeships and internships
- Community service

Two Different Approaches

Linked Learning

- Breaks down barriers that might prevent fidelity to implementation
- Allows for flexible schedules to benefit both students and teachers

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- Redesigns and significantly lengthens the school day and year
- Reduces teacher workload to increase time for planning and collaboration

Questions?