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### SUBJECT TIME GUIDELINES

The Lincoln School Committee expects the Lincoln Public School's Program of Studies to provide regular instruction in specific subjects. These guidelines, which specify subjects to be taught and the aggregate weekly time to be allocated to each subject, have been developed in order to aid faculty and administration in meeting system-wide teaching expectations. Curriculum committees are to use these guidelines as reference points as they conduct the various curricula cycle reviews in order to insure that due consideration is given to the time necessary to teach each subject. At the same time, however, we wish to make the following points clear. First, good elementary school teachers often find it beneficial to blend subjects together in order to use classroom time more efficiently and/or to make subjects more interesting. Second, we also recognize and continue to support the many fine teacher-developed activities carried on in the Lincoln Public School System. These guidelines are not meant to discourage either practice.

<u>Subjects</u>	<u>Minutes of Instruction Per Week</u>	
	<u>Grades 1-3</u>	<u>Grades 4-5</u>
Language Reading Spelling Penmanship Usage	450 minutes	420 minutes
Writing	120 minutes	120 minutes
Math	225 minutes	225 minutes
Science	90 minutes	120 minutes
Social Studies	60 minutes	120 minutes
Art	50 minutes	50 minutes
Music	50 minutes	50 minutes
Phys Ed	100 minutes	100 minutes
Computer	30 minutes	30 minutes

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