



House Bill 24-1063: Abbreviated School Day Policy Assurance

CDE Model Abbreviated School Day Policy Requirements

As required by House Bill (HB) 24-1063, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has developed a [model policy](#) to clarify “when and how abbreviated school day schedules may be implemented” in compliance with the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), and the Exceptional Children’s Educational Act (ECEA).

By July 1, 2025, all Administrative Units (AU) are required by state statute to adopt and implement the CDE’s model policy or adopt a policy that substantially conforms to CDE’s model policy and meets the minimum requirements described in ECEA 8.01(1)(j). Adoption may look different between AUs, but the finalized policy must make it clear that the requirements described within are binding for all employees who will be responsible for implementing the policy (see options below). For children identified under IDEA, compliance with HB 24-1063 for abbreviated school days and abbreviated school day schedules will be subject to ongoing monitoring consistent with CDE’s responsibility for general supervision under IDEA 34 C.F.R. § 300.600 and ECEA 7.05.

Compliance with ECEA

To ensure compliance with HB 24-1063, CDE requires each AU to sign an assurance that it has adopted CDE’s model policy or will submit the policy the AU intends to adopt via the [ESSU Data Management System \(DMS\)](#), **no later than July 1, 2025**. The CDE understands that local Boards of Education may need to adopt this policy. If your AU is unable to do so before July 1, 2025, please make sure the policy adoption occurs no later than the first day of school for the 25-26 School Year.

Assurance

Below are four options that would allow your AU to comply with HB24-1063. Please select the statement that best describes your AU’s actions, or use the last option to detail your AU’s compliance with the requirements.

____ AU **will adopt** the CDE Model Abbreviated School Day Policy, as written, and will upload this signed assurance to the DMS **no later than July 1, 2025**.

____ AU **intends to adopt** the CDE Model Abbreviated School Day Policy, as written. The adoption of the policy requires AU Board of Education approval. The AU will 1) upload this signed assistance to the **DMS no later than July 1, 2025**, and 2) upload proof of Board of Education approval to the DMS by _____ **(no later than the first day of school, for the 25-26 School Year)**.

____ AU **will not adopt** the CDE Model Abbreviated School Day Policy and will develop its own policy that substantially conforms with expectations set forth in HB 24-1063 and aligns with CDE’s model policy. AU acknowledges that CDE must review and approve this policy before final AU adoption. The AU will 1) upload this signed assistance to the DMS **no later than July 1, 2025**, and 2) submit proposed AU policy **no later than July 1, 2025**. The CDE will set deadlines for local adoption assurance after review.

____ AU **will** _____

Special Education Director of Record Signature

Administrative Unit