

General Summary of Minors' Work Regulations

FLSA-Federal Labor Standards Act, CDE-California Department of Education, EC-California Education Code, LC-California Labor Code, CFR-California Federal Regulations

- **If federal laws, state laws, and school district policies conflict, the more restrictive law (the one most protective of the minor) prevails. (FLSA)**
 - Employers of minors required to attend school must complete a "Statement of Intent to Employ a Minor and Request for Work Permit" (CDE Form B1-1) for the school attendance for each such minor. (EC 49162)
 - Employers must retain a "Permit to Employ and Work" (CDE Form B1-4) for each such minor. (EC 49161)
 - Work permits (CDE B1-4) must be retained for three years and be available for inspection by sanctioned authorities at all times. (EC 49164)
 - A work permit (CDE Form B1-4) must be revoked whenever the issuing authority determines the employment is illegal or is impairing the health or education of the minor. (EC 49164)
 - A day of rest from work is required in every seven days, and shall not exceed six days in seven. (LC 551, 552)
- Minors under the age of 18 may not work in environments declared hazardous or dangerous for young workers, examples listed below: (LC 1294.1 and 1294.5, 29 CFR 570 Subpart E)
1. Explosive exposure
 2. Motor vehicle driving/outside helper
 3. Roofing
 4. Logging and sawmilling
 5. Power-driven woodworking machines
 6. Radiation exposure
 7. Power-driven hoists/forklifts
 8. Power-driven metal forming, punching, and shearing machines
 9. Power saws and shears
 10. Power-driving meat slicing/processing machines

HOURS OF WORK

16 & 17 Year Olds	14 & 15 Year Olds	12 & 13 Year Olds
Must have completed 7 th grade to work while school is in session. (EC 49112)	Must have completed 7 th grade to work while school is in session (EC 49112)	Labor laws generally prohibit non-farm employment of children younger than 14. Special rules apply to agricultural work, domestic work, and the entertainment industry. (LC 1285–1312)

School In Session

4 hours per day on any school day (EC 49112, 49116; LC 1391) 8 hours on any non-school day or on any day preceding a non-school day. (EC 49112; LC 1391) 48 hours per week (LC 1391) WEE students & personal attendants may work more than 4 hours on a schoolday, but never more than 8. (EC 49116; LC 1391, 1392)	3 hours per schoolday outside of school hours (EC 49112, 49116; LC 1391) 8 hours on any non-school day No more than 18 hours per week (EC 49116; LC 1391) WEE students may work during school hours & up to 23 hours per week. (EC 49116; LC 1391)	2 hours per schoolday and a maximum of 4 hours per week. (EC 49112)
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School Not In Session

8 hours per day (LC 1391, 1392) 48 hours per week (LC 1391)	8 hours per day (LC 1391, 1392) 40 hours per week (LC 1391)	8 hours per day (LC 1391, 1392) 40 hours per week (LC 1391)
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Spread of Hours

5 a.m.–10 p.m. However, until 12:30 a.m. on any evening preceding a non-schoolday (LC 1391) WEE students, with permission, until 12:30 a.m. on any day (LC 1391.1) Messengers: 6 a.m.–9 p.m.	7 a.m.–7 p.m., except that from June 1 through Labor Day, until 9 p.m. (LC 1391)	7 a.m.–7 p.m., except that from June 1 through Labor Day, until 9 p.m. (LC 1391)
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For more information about child labor laws, contact the U.S. Department of Labor at <http://www.dol.gov/>, and the State of California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor Standards Enforcement at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSE/dlse.html>.