

Special rules or provisions, which may be important to you, may not be included in these summaries. Where doubt remains, you should consult the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement for details on California laws or the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor for details on federal laws

SUMMARY CHART

	Ages 16 and 17 Must have completed 7th grade to work while school in session. (EC 49112)	Ages 14 and 15 Must have completed 7 th grade to work while school in session (EC49112)	Ages 12 and 13
SCHOOL IN SESSION*	4 hours per day on any schoolday** [EC 49112, 49116, LC 1391(a)(4)] 8 hours on any non-schoolday or on any day preceding a non-schoolday. [EC 49112, LC 1391(a)(3)] 48 hours per week [LC 1391(a)(3)] WEE students and personal attendants*** may work more than 4 hours on a schoolday, but never more than 8. [EC 49116, LC 1391(a)(4)(A)]	3 hours per schoolday outside of school hours [EC 49112, 49116; LC 1391(a)(2)] 8 hours on any non-schoolday [LC 1391(a)(1)] 18 hours per week [EC 49116, LC 1391(a)(2)] WEE students may work during school hours and up to 23 hours per week. [EC 49116, LC 1391(a)(2)]	May be employed only during school holidays and vacations (usually construed to include weekends). May never be employed on any schoolday, either before, during, or after school. [EC 49111] Daily and weekly work hour maximums while school is in session are not specified in statute, but may not exceed the maximum allowed when school is not in session or the maximum stated on permit. [LC 1391] Not eligible for WEE programs. [EC 49113]
SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION	8 hours per day [LC 1391(a)(3)] 48 hours per week [LC 1391(a)(3)]	8 hours per day [LC 1391(a)(1)] 40 hours per week [LC 1391(a)(1)]	8 hours per day [LC 1391(a)(1)] 40 hours per week [LC 1391(a)(1)]
SPREAD OF HOURS	5 a.m. – 10 p.m. However, until 12:30 a.m. on any evening preceding a nonschoolday [LC 1391(a)(3)] WEE students, with permission, until 12:30 a.m. on any day [LC 1391.1] Messengers: 6 a.m. – 9 p.m. [LC 1297]	7 a.m. – 7 p.m., except that from June 1 through Labor Day, until 9 p.m. [LC 1391(a)(1)]	7 a.m. – 7 p.m., except that from June 1 through Labor Day, until 9 p.m. [LC 1391(a)(1)]

STATUTE

PENALTY

EC 49111, 49112, 49116
LC 1297
LC 1391

Misdemeanor. Fine, imprisonment, or both. EC 49182]
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Third and subsequent violations, Class A, violation, fine \$5,000 - \$10,000 [LC 1288] Misdemeanor [LC1303]
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Class A violation \$5,000 - \$10,000. [LC1288] (Minor must be a ward or apprentice.) Misdemeanor [LC 1392]

LC 1392

Permits shall be subject to cancellation by school officials or the Labor Commissioner if the conditions for the legal issuance of the permit or certificate of age do not exist or did not exist at the time the permit or certificate was issued. A permit to work shall be revoked by the issuing authority when he is satisfied that the employment of the minor is impairing the health or education of the minor, or that any provision or condition of the permit is being violated, or that the minor is performing work in violation of any provision of law. [LC 1300; EC 49164]

With few exceptions, all employees are entitled to one day's rest in seven. [LC 551, 552] Days of rest may be accumulated, provided, that in each calendar month the employee receives the equivalent of one day's rest in seven. [LC 554] A violation of Sections 551, 55 and/or 554 is a misdemeanor. [LC 553] School attendance is not considered work time.

*Statutes governing work hours for 14- and 15-year-olds use the phrase, "while school is in session", for the three-hour day, 18-hour week. California provides no precise definition of this phrase. However, the phrase is also used in federal regulations from which California's standard is derived. [29 CFR 570.35(a)] The U.S. Department of Labor considers the phrase " when school is in session" to mean the scheduled schooldays of the public school system in the county where the minor resides. A school week under federal standards is any week during which school is in session for at least one day. Thus, school is considered in session during any week that has at least one scheduled schoolday. Since the school session is derived from the schedule for the county's public schools, school may be considered in session for a minor who attends a private school that is closed during the summer if the public schools are in session at that same time.

**A "schoolday" is any day that the minor is required to attend school for 240 minutes or more. [LC 1391(b)]

***"Personal attendant" is defined in IWC Order 15-2001, Section 2(J). Also see "Household Occupations" in Chapter 7 of this booklet.