

HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK

Homework is an integral part of the curriculum and is necessary to establish desirable study habits and to achieve the academic standards expected by the district. The needs of the individual shall be considered in determining the type of homework to be assigned and his/her capabilities should determine the amount he/she can be expected to complete successfully in a reasonable amount of time. The superintendent or designee shall ensure that administrators and teachers develop and implement an effective homework plan at each school site. As needed, teachers may receive training in designing relevant, challenging and meaningful homework assignments that reinforce learning objectives. Teachers expectations related to homework are part of their overall effectiveness as an instructor and may be addressed in their evaluations.

1. The purpose of homework is to:
 - 1.1 Practice and reinforce skills which have been taught in the classroom.
 - 1.2 Challenge students to explore new fields and to work more intensively in areas studied in the classroom.
 - 1.3 Develop independence, self-reliance, and responsibility.
 - 1.4 Apply skills which have been introduced in the classroom.
 - 1.5 Make up work a pupil has missed due to absence.
2. Homework will not be assigned as busywork, or used for punishment.
3. Long-term homework assignments will be frequently monitored by the teacher.
4. The Board expects middle school teachers to post homework assignments on the district website..
5. All assigned homework is to be evaluated by the teacher.
6. The amount of time assigned for homework shall be related to the needs of a particular student.
 - 6.1 When a parent feels his/her student cannot keep up with the demands of the homework assigned the parent should contact the teacher.
 - 6.2 When multiple teachers are involved, parents should contact the site administration for coordination and assistance.
7. Teachers will explain their homework policy and expectations for his/her class at the night orientation meeting each fall.
8. Students who miss school work because of an excused absence shall be given the opportunity to complete all assignments and tests that can be reasonably provided. As determined by the teacher, the assignments and tests shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the assignments and tests missed during the absence. Students shall receive full credit for work satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time.
9. Students who miss school work because of unexcused absences shall be given the opportunity to make up missed work. Teachers shall assign such makeup work as necessary to ensure academic progress, not as a punitive measure.

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Legal References

EDUCATION CODE

48205 Absences for personal reasons

48913 Completion of work missed by suspended student

48980 Parental notifications

58700-58702 Tutoring and homework assistance program; summer school apportionment credit

Management Resources

SBE POLICIES

Parent Involvement in the Education of Their Children, 1994

Policy Statement on Homework, 1995