

HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK

The Governing Board recognizes that homework contributes toward building responsibility, self-discipline and life-long learning habits, and that time spent on homework directly influences students' ability to meet the district's academic standards. The Board expects students, parents/guardians and staff to view homework as a routine and important part of students' daily lives.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

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 classroom learning objectives.

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Although it is the student's responsibility to do most homework assignments independently, the Board expects teachers at all grade levels to use parents/guardians as a contributing resource. When students repeatedly fail to do their homework, parents/guardians shall be notified and asked to contact the teacher.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Makeup Work

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. (Education Code 48205)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

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.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK (continued)

Legal Reference:

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

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Principals and teachers will be responsible for seeing that homework assignments are given on a regular basis and for assuring that they are appropriate to the needs and skills of the students. Homework should not be a frustrating experience, nor punishment for the student. Parents should feel free to contact the school with any questions that arise concerning homework.

Homework will be given as a natural outgrowth of classroom instruction and will be corrected by the teacher and returned to the student as soon as possible after the due date. Assignments may be given three days a week. Average amounts of time required for a homework assignment will be as follows:

Grades 1-3	-	15 to 30 minutes
Grades 4-5	-	30 to 60 minutes
Grades 6-8	-	60 to 90 minutes

All homework assignments must meet the following criteria:

1. Provide essential practice in needed skills.
2. Provide training in good work habits to all students.
3. Complete work utilizing essential skills that have been taught in the classroom.
4. Help students learn to budget time.
5. Promote individual responsibility.
6. Be clearly understood by the student.
7. Have a meaningful purpose clearly understood by students, especially when utilizing drill materials.
8. Be an extension of regular classroom activities.
9. Contain work that can be evaluated and graded fairly.
10. Have the follow-up and notation of completion recorded.

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Makeup Work

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians that no student may have his/her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any excused absence when missed assignments and tests are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. Such notification shall include the full text of Education Code 48205. (Education Code 48980)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The teacher of any class from which a student is suspended may require the student to complete any assignments and tests missed during the suspension. (Education Code 48913)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)