

HOMEWORK

Principal Responsibilities

The principal is responsible for working with teachers and parents to develop and support school-wide homework procedures. These procedures will be clearly communicated to students and parents.

Upon request, a teacher will receive training in designing relevant, challenging, and meaningful homework assignments that reinforce classroom learning objectives that align with the State Content Standards. Teacher expectations related to homework may be addressed in their evaluations by the site supervisor.

Teacher Responsibilities

Teachers will clearly communicate their specific homework policy and homework expectations for his/her classrooms to students and parents.

The teacher is responsible for assigning homework that is aligned with and supports mastery of the State Content Standards.

Assignments shall be evaluated by the teacher/designee.

To provide optimum student learning, homework should be evaluated and returned to students within a reasonable time after the work is turned in to the teacher. What is reasonable varies according to the type of homework and amount of evaluative feedback the teacher provides for that assignment. Depending upon the nature of the assignment, grade level, and curriculum, the amount and type of evaluation will vary considerably, from a simple acknowledgment that the work was done, to more extensive feedback. Feedback should be timely and clear enough so that the student can meaningfully incorporate that feedback into subsequent related class/course work.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities and Guidelines

The best way for parents/guardians to help a child learn is by monitoring and offering support when needed. Limits should be set so that children learn to work independently.

In helping students with homework, parents/guardians are expected to:

1. Expect their child to do his/her best work on his/her assignments.
2. Help their child develop good study habits by providing a specific time and place for homework that is free of television and other distractions.
3. Assist with homework as needed, but never do it for their child.

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4. Monitor the amount of time their child spends on homework and help them learn how to manage time efficiently, which includes making steady progress on long-term assignments.
5. Check to see that their child's homework is completed.
6. Encourage recreational reading and, as needed, ask teachers, librarians, and others to recommend appropriate reading material for their child.

Each parent/guardian is responsible for encouraging his/her child to accept homework assignments as an important part of the school and learning process.

Student Responsibilities and Guidelines

The Governing Board shall make every effort to maintain a safe, positive school environment and student services that promote student welfare and academic achievement. The Board expects students to make good use of learning opportunities by demonstrating regular attendance, appropriate conduct, and respect for others.

Homework is an opportunity for students to show their real capabilities and to further their educational growth. Teachers can provide assignments and parents/guardians can provide good study conditions and encouragement, but it is the student who must complete and return homework in a timely manner.

Students are expected to:

1. Be sure they understand their assignments.
2. Ask for help when necessary.
3. Do their best work on their assignments.
4. Plan and self-monitor progress on long-term assignments.
5. Submit original work.

Plagiarizing homework, that is, presenting someone else's work as one's own, is cheating and is subject to school and classroom discipline.

Students are expected to accept personal responsibility for making maximum use of those educational opportunities afforded. It is also expected that as a result of the total school experience, students will come to appreciate and act in accordance with the values of self-discipline; responsibility; and respect for others, their country, and its governmental processes. (BP 5000, Concepts and Roles)

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