

HOMEWORK

Homework shall be assigned to increase learning and student success and to foster responsibility and self-discipline.

Teachers shall adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Homework shall be assigned to students for the following reasons:
 - a. Practicing basic facts, rules, or other items needed as a base for learning.
 - b. Increasing speed in skills used for more complex learning activities.
 - c. Promoting deeper understanding of an idea or concept.
 - d. Preparing for future learning experiences.
2. A homework policy shall be established and communicated.
3. Homework assignments shall vary according to grade level.

A rule of thumb is to multiply the grade x 10 minutes to find approximately the correct amount of homework each night. (This does not include regular nightly reading practice in the primary grades.)
4. Daily homework assignments will generally be given Monday through Thursday.
5. In departmentalized settings, teachers shall confer on homework assignments.
6. Standards and expectations for completion and acceptability of homework shall be clearly established.
7. Time should be allotted in the lesson plan to provide specific guidelines and explanation of homework so that all students understand the assignment.
8. The instructional level of the assignment should be matched to the level of students' skills.
9. Resources necessary for successfully accomplishing a homework assignment shall be available to the students.
10. Homework shall be received by the teacher and credit given for the students' efforts.
11. Feedback should be timely, correct errors in thinking, and explain misunderstandings.
12. Homework must never be given for punishment.
13. Teachers may not revise grades on the basis of retesting of pupils once the school year is ended.

If a student missed work or testing due to sickness or injury and a teacher plans to allow the student to take the tests and/or make up work after the close of the grading period, the student shall be given an "Incomplete" until such work is completed.

Parents and students share responsibility for completion of homework:

1. Students who have been absent are responsible for contacting the teacher at an appropriate time to get instructions to complete missing assignments and will have one day for each absence to complete this work.
2. Students should regularly use a system to record assignments, assemble necessary materials for completion, complete and turn in assignments when requested.
3. Parents are responsible for providing a time and place for students to complete homework, the basic materials needed, the supervision to ensure completion, and feedback to the teacher about any problems. Parental involvement in completion of homework should be kept to a minimum.