

HOMEWORK

Homework definition: Work assigned to the student to be accomplished without direct supervision and guidance by the teacher. It may be accomplished during study halls, independent study time allotments, as seat work during reading group sessions or outside school hours.

Teachers shall consider the following factors when making homework assignments:

1. the grade level of the student;
2. level and degree of difficulty of the subject being studied;
3. maturity level of the student;
4. instructional needs of the student;
5. purpose of the assignment and its relation to the objectives of the course under study;
6. length of the assignment and the amount of time that will be required to complete it;
7. homework demands being made in other subject areas;
8. availability of required materials and
9. should be limited over weekend and holiday periods.

It is the responsibility of the school staff to assure quality and value in homework through making assignments which are:

1. an outgrowth of classroom instruction;
2. clear and definite in purpose and
3. clearly related to the objectives being pursued in the classroom.

Principals will be responsible for:

1. communicating the Board policy on homework to staff members, students and parents;
2. reviewing the Board homework policy with the total school staff;
3. encouraging parents to communicate with the school if a student's homework assignments are excessive or not sufficiently challenging to the student, according to the parent's view and
4. monitoring the implementation of the homework policy.

Teachers will be responsible for:

1. teaching independent study skills.
2. making specific assignments and
3. checking, reviewing, evaluating and/or grading student homework, according to the teacher's individual methods, in keeping with a system that is clearly explained to the class.

Students will be responsible for:

1. completing assigned homework as directed;
2. returning homework to the teacher by the designated time and
3. submitting homework assignments which reflect careful attention to detail and quality of work.

Parents' responsibilities include:

1. providing continued interest and concern for the child's successful performance in school through encouraging and supporting the child in his/her performance of homework assigned;
2. indicating an interest about assignments and assisting, if possible, when requested by the child, but not to include performing the work for the child;
3. supporting the school in regard to the student being assigned homework and
4. requesting assignments for students when long term absences are involved.

It is understood that it is not the parent's responsibility to have to give a great deal of assistance to the student in completing homework. It is the school's responsibility to make homework instructions clear and provide, when necessary, a short period of supervised study or a period of questioning to ensure that the student understands the assignment.

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