

HOMEWORK POLICY

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Homework that contributes to the growth and development of the student is valuable.

Homework will be given at all grade levels. Homework will be assigned to:

- A. supplement, support, and extend learning through home-related activities;
- B. reinforce classroom instruction by providing necessary practice, integration, and application;
- C. help students become resourceful and work independently;
- D. acquaint and involve parents/guardians with what their children are learning in school.

The Board of Education recognizes the professional judgment of the classroom teacher to determine the appropriate amount and relevance of homework. However, each individual building has homework guidelines as outlined in the student and parent handbooks approved annually by the Board of Education. Students in grades K-4 should expect 5-40 minutes of homework three or more times per week. Students in grades 5-8 should expect 30-60 minutes of homework nightly. The amount of time needed for homework will obviously vary according to the individual student's age, needs, capabilities, and motivation. The students should obviously take the time to learn the material and properly prepare the assignment. When long-term projects are assigned, students need to manage their work time appropriately. These long-term projects should never be considered one-night assignments.

The teacher has the responsibility to check the quality of homework and provide some method of evaluation.

Each student must be personally responsible for work missed due to an absence. Makeup work should be completed as soon as possible upon the return of the student to school in accordance with established district procedures. For extended absences, the student should make special arrangements with his/her teachers, counselor and/or principal.

Responsibility of Parents/Guardians

While students should assume the major responsibility for completing homework assignments, parents/guardians should be encouraged to take an active interest in students' homework by:

- A. promoting a positive attitude toward homework;
- B. providing a consistent time and suitable place for study;
- C. making resource materials available whenever possible;
- D. communicating special circumstances which may affect the student's ability to complete assignments to the teacher.

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