

COUNCIL POLICY

DISTRICT: Washington

SCHOOL: North

POLICY TYPE (CHECK ONE)

FUNCTION (BY-LAWS)

POLICY NUMBER

FUNCTION (OPERATIONAL)

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FUNCTION:

TITLE
Homework

POLICY STATEMENT

Definition:

Homework will be used to increase students' opportunities to learn. It is intended to be completed outside the classroom and to provide added opportunity to practice skills, engage information, and explore topics using varied learning styles and interests. Homework assignments will include not only written assignments but also opportunities to take part in cultural and creative activities and real-world applications of learning.

Purpose:

This policy is intended to guide all faculty, parents, and students and to establish responsibilities and guidelines for the assignment, evaluation, and monitoring of homework assignments.

The policy does not apply to students receiving homebound instruction or whose Individual Education Plans require that homework be addressed in a different way.

All teachers will:

1. In an age-appropriate manner, make sure that all students understand this policy.
2. Make sure that students understand any individual classroom homework standards that teachers may have.
3. Assign appropriate homework that is designed to support instructional goals.
4. Assign appropriate amounts of homework, which may vary depending on the subject matter and students' needs.
5. Make an effort to correlate the amount of homework given with other teachers so as to not overload students on any given night, keeping in mind the "rule of thumb" of assigning students a total

nightly amount of homework which does not exceed an amount of time approximately ten times their grade level. Allow student choice within homework assignments whenever possible.

6. Return collected homework in a timely manner and provide instructional follow-up and feedback that focuses on content and performance standards.
7. Ensure that students understand and can explain not only homework directions but also the purpose of any given homework assignment as well as how it relates to what they are learning in class.
8. Keep accurate records of homework assignments.
9. Out of class projects will be given a minimum of one week to be completed. A rubric will accompany each out-of-class project to assure student and parents understand expectations.
10. Communicate with parents homework assignments and due dates, either through newsletters or digital reminders.
11. Allow students to make up any missed assignments due to excused absences. One day for every day of excused absence will be allowed to complete makeup work.
12. Encourage students to read every night (recommended number of minutes will be determined by grade level).

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