

INSTRUCTION

District Specific Policy HOMEWORK

I. Statement of Policy

The Board of Education (the Board) acknowledges the educational validity of work assigned to ~~pupils~~ students for completion outside the classroom as an adjunct to and extension of the instructional program of the Oriskany Central School District (the District) schools.

II. Guidelines

The Superintendent shall develop regulations for the assignment of homework according to these guidelines:

- A. Homework is a formative assessment tool and should be a properly planned part of the curriculum, extending and reinforcing the learning experience of the school.
- B. Homework should help children learn by providing practice in the mastery of skills, experience in data gathering and integration of knowledge, and an opportunity to remediate learning problems.
- C. The number, frequency and degree of difficulty of homework assignments should be based by the Building Principal and staff on the ability and needs of the ~~pupil~~ student and take into account other activities which make a legitimate claim on the ~~pupil's~~ student's time.
- D. As a valid educational tool, homework should be clearly assigned and its product carefully reviewed by the teacher. Corrective feedback should be provided by the teacher. Homework should not be graded solely for completion, but rather, for accuracy and only to the extent as described in the District grading practices guide.
- E. Homework should always serve a valid learning purpose; it should never be used as a punitive measure.

III. Absences

- A. The teaching staff, in consultation with the Building Principal, shall develop and implement a procedure for homework/assignments for Grades 7-12 whereby said work will be available to parents of students in Grades 7-12 upon request of the parent after the third day of absence from school. A parent having prior knowledge of an absence of three (3) or more days can request the work prior to its occurrence.
- B. Requests should be made by contacting the Main Office.
- C. This procedure shall be listed in the student handbook.

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