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Homework/Makeup Work

The board of education believes that homework relevant to material presented in class provides an opportunity to broaden, deepen or reinforce the pupil's knowledge. Teachers must use discretion in deciding the number and length of assignments. The board encourages the use of interrelated major homework assignments such as term papers, themes and creative art projects.

Homework shall not be used for punitive reasons.

Pupils absent for any reason must make up assignments, classwork and tests within a reasonable length of time. In most cases, a reasonable length of time shall be the same number of school days as the days missed.

Pupils being excused for any reason must make arrangements with the teacher of the missed classes in order to make up the work missed. This must be done before the absence from class.

Incompletes

When a pupil does not complete work missed for absence or other reasons, he/she will receive an "incomplete" for the marking period. Pupils will be given seven school days following the end of the marking period to make up the missed work.

If work critical to the pupil's understanding of the subject is not made up by the end of the next marking period, the grade for that subject area may be an "F."

If work is missing during the final marking period of the school year, the grade will be left to the discretion of the teacher. The teacher who has given an incomplete is responsible for reporting to the pupil the work he/she has missed and citing the consequences mentioned above.

Key Words

Homework, Makeup Work

Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14	Religious holidays; absence of pupils on; effect
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-10.1 et seq.	Summer School Sessions

Possible Cross References:

1320	Participation in out of school community activities
*1322	Contests for pupils
*5020	Role of parents/guardians
*5113	Absences and excuses
*5124	Reporting to parents/guardians
*6145	Extracurricular activities
*6153	Field trips

6174 Summer school

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

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