

HOMEWORK GRADES K-8

The assignment of home study is to advance the educational benefits accruing to individual students and shall be assigned to meet individual student's needs.

The purpose and extent of such assignments shall be a matter of continuing concern to the Principal and staff of the school.

In implementing this policy, teachers will use discretion while taking into account the individuality of each student.

HOMEWORK

Homework is defined as written or non-written tasks assigned by a teacher to be completed outside of the classroom. Homework should complement each class and be relevant to the curriculum. It should be to practice previously taught material. It should never be used as punishment.

IMPORTANCE OF HOMEWORK

1. Strengthens the skills taught in the daily classroom period.
2. Involves student effort and responsibility.
3. Affects overall grade in each course.

TEACHER RESPONSIBILITY

1. Give clear, concise directions.
2. Allow time for students questions.
3. All homework assignments should be collected and recorded as completed. Students who fail to pass in a home assignment (or a written excuse as to why it was not done) should be made to complete the assignment after school hours.
4. After the third such failure to complete the assignment, parents should be contacted for a conference at the earliest possible date.
5. Review progress of long-term projects periodically.
6. Make effort to coordinate testing schedules to allow the maximum amount of study time for students.

PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Ask about student assignments. (Discussion reinforces learning.)
2. Insist that students complete assignments on a regular basis.
3. Provide a good study atmosphere for students.
4. Understand that in school there is limited opportunity for completion of homework during school time.

5. Keep communication with school open, inquire about all assignments.

HOMEWORK GUIDELINES

Discretion should be used in assigning homework. The following program is offered as a guide.

1. Average time allotment per day for homework:

- a. Grades K-3: An average of 15-20 minutes, 2-3 times per week.
- b. Grades 4-6: An average of 1 hour per day for all subjects combined.

In a departmentalized Grade 6, it is suggested that they follow the schedule for Grade 7-8.

- c. Grades 7-8: An average of 2 hours for all subjects combined.

Suggested:	English	30 minutes
	Math	30 minutes
	Social Studies	20 minutes
	Science	20 minutes
	Language/Reading	20 minutes
	Modern Foreign Language	20 minutes

2. Frequency and limitations:

- a. Homework is assigned on a regular basis.
- b. Long-term assignments and projects may be assigned to carry over vacation or holiday periods.

3. Homework Makeup

- a. Homework assignments which have been missed due to legitimate excused absences must be made up within a reasonable time as established by the teacher. This time frame should reflect the other responsibilities of the student.
- b. The initiative to make up work rests with the student and the teacher. Students are encouraged to obtain assignments from peers, when absent.
- c. Excused absences of 1-3 days, makeup work should be accomplished at the teacher's discretion.
- d. Excused absences of 4 or more days.

1. The amount of homework and deadlines will be determined by the teacher.

2. The teacher may provide work for anticipated absence. This work should be completed, returned, and graded.
- e. Assignment received after the deadline will be downgraded at the discretion of the teacher and the Principal.

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