

Regulation

HOMework/MAKEUP WORK

Homework plays an important role in the academic development of students. Homework is helpful if it is based upon student needs and individually assigned projects. It is an effective way to make up work missed by absences from school and may also aid in overcoming an academic difficulty a student is experiencing. Homework should assist students to work to their capacities and increase their breadth of understanding.

Students on Vacation

It is expected that parents/guardians will make every effort not to schedule vacations during the school year to avoid interrupting their child's educational program. Missing school because of a vacation is not a recognized legal absence and teachers are not required to prepare work for students. Students who do miss school will be allowed up to but no more than five days to make up work when they return. These students may want to take their books with them and/or contact a friend or the school website for assignments.

Suggested Homework Time Frames

The amount of homework assigned normally increases as a student progresses through school. Working time will vary according to the assignments and ability level of the student. The time frames listed are the recommended time to be spent on combined daily assignments. Special, long term projects and tests may require additional time. If a student is continuously having difficulty completing work in the suggested time frame, the parents/guardians should contact the student's teacher or the Guidance office.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to read nightly to and with their younger students. Older students are encouraged to read independently daily.

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| Kindergarten | 15 to 20 minutes weekly |
| Grade 1 | 15 minutes daily |
| Grade 2 | 15 to 20 minutes daily |
| Grade 3 | 20 to 30 minutes daily |
| Grade 4 | 30 to 40 minutes daily |
| Grade 5 | 45 to 60 minutes daily |
| Grade 6 | 60 to 75 minutes daily |
| Grade 7-8 | 75 to 90 minutes daily |

In middle school, grade level teams will confer periodically and evaluate the homework assignment load. Every effort will be made by teams to prevent projects and unit tests from being due on the same day. (Two tests assigned on the same day should not be an issue.)

Long Range Assignments

Long range homework assignments, such as book reports, research projects, science projects, models, and collections, can provide valuable learning experiences.

- A. A long-range assignment ought to be viewed as a series of shorter assignments which might include periodic checking by the teacher;

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- B. There should be specific directions for the student including purpose, expectations, procedures, and due dates;
- C. Students should not be faced with several unrelated long-range assignments at one time; and
- D. It is possible that some long-range assignments may need to be completed over a weekend.

Weekend Assignments

Homework will not be assigned over a weekend for grades Pre-K - 2 or for any student during a district holiday that exceeds two consecutive days.

Homework Requests Due to Absences

When students are absent from school, it is their responsibility to obtain assignments and make them up upon their return. Students have five days from the date they return to make up assignment(s).

Parents/guardians should understand that all homework assignments are posted on teachers' individual websites (grades 1-8). Students who are absent should obtain the assignments from the teacher's website. Specific questions can be emailed directly to the teacher.

Students absent due to a family emergency can receive assignments in advance upon approval of a written request to the principal.

Parent Help

Homework assignments are the responsibility of the students. Parents/guardians are requested to provide a quiet, adequately equipped, well lighted work area and to permit the child to proceed on his/her own, undisturbed.

If a homework assignment book is used, parents/guardians are requested to check this assignment book on a regular basis.

Parents/guardians are responsible for setting guidelines for good study habits at home. They should monitor the time allotment for homework and see that there is no interruption from television, radio, telephone, or the Internet.

Parents/guardians should not accept responsibility for completing assignments.

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