

HOMEWORK POLICY

DEFINITION

Homework is an academic activity engaged in by students outside of class.

PURPOSES

The primary objective of homework is to foster a sense of student responsibility for the learning process through tasks requiring time-budgeting and decision making.

More specifically, homework is intended to:

1. provide for essential practice in and reinforcement of skills
2. enrich and extend classroom experiences and build positive work and study habits
3. provide experiences in finding sources and gathering data
4. encourage the development of self discipline and integrity

AMOUNT OF HOMEWORK

The amount of time which students in the same grade will spend on homework will vary due to individual differences. In grades K-3 homework may be assigned four times a week. In grades 4-12 teachers are encouraged to coordinate assignments.

In addition teachers will encourage parents of primary and elementary students to set aside some time on a daily basis for their children to read or be read to for pleasure.

If a student consistently states that he/she has no homework or that he/she has completed an assignment in school, parents should contact the teacher or school authority for verification.

GRADING/EVALUATION OF HOMEWORK

In order to encourage positive student attitude toward homework, teachers will be expected to instruct their pupils in the proper techniques and methods of completing homework assignments.

1. The teacher checks homework and affixes a comment and/or assigns a grade when appropriate. Homework grades are a part of the report card grade.
2. The students are responsible for and expected to complete and submit each assignment on its due date. The assignments are to conform to the procedures set forth by the teacher in conjunction with the administration.
3. The teacher will notify a parent by phone or written note whenever a student consistently fails to do his/her homework. Parents are encouraged to check the Parent Portal in grades 6-12 and contact the teacher as needed.
4. In grades 6-12: homework which is assessed in English, Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Business, Foreign Language, and Health will count as no less than 10% or more than 15% of each marking period's grade.

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HOMEWORK DURING ABSENCES

All classwork and homework assignments due to absence are to be made up within a time period specified by the classroom teacher or administrator. The student is expected to show initiative in seeking out a teacher to determine what assignments were missed and when these shall be due. Work can be sent home to any student involved in an extended absence.

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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