

POLICY

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2330 HOMEWORK

The Board of Education acknowledges the educational validity of work assigned to pupils for completion outside the classroom as an adjunct to and extension of the instructional program of the school.

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

1. Homework should be a properly planned part of the curriculum, extending and reinforcing the learning experience of the school;
2. 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;
3. Homework should help develop the pupil's responsibility and provide an opportunity for the exercise of independent work and judgment;
4. The number, frequency, and degree of difficulty of homework assignments should be based on the ability and needs of the pupil and take into account other activities that make a legitimate claim on the pupil's time;
5. As a valid educational tool, homework should be clearly assigned and its product carefully evaluated and that evaluation should be reported to the pupil;
6. The school should recognize the role of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) by suggesting ways in which parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may assist the school in helping a child carry out assigned responsibilities;
7. Homework should always serve a valid learning purpose; it should never be used as a punitive measure.

Homework Procedure:

In order to reinforce the learning which takes place in the classroom and to provide an opportunity to explore resources beyond the school environment, meaningful homework assignments should be given every night.



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In accordance with this policy which will include:

1. Be sure the pupils understand what to do in order to complete the assignment.
2. Be sure the pupils understand when the assignment is going to be checked.
3. Give assignments which pupils are capable of completing successfully.
4. All homework assignments must be written on the chalkboard. Encourage pupils to write down the assignments accurately.
5. Check completed assignments when they are due. This practice conveys to pupils that you consider the assignment important.
6. The approximate amount of time per night which a pupil should spend on homework will increase as the pupil progresses through school.

Grades 1,2,3	10 - 30 minutes
Grades 4,5	40 - 50 minutes
Grades 6,7,8	60 - 80 minutes

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