

HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK

The principal and staff at each school shall develop a school site homework plan which includes guidelines for the assignment of homework and describes the responsibilities of students, staff and parents/guardians. The plan shall inform parents/guardians as to how much time on homework will be expected, how homework relates to the student's grades, and how they can best help their children.

Time

Although the district recognizes that quality is more important than quantity, the following guidelines related to time are suggested:

Grades	1-3	10 - 30 min. up to four days per week
	4-6	30 - 60 min. up to four days per week
	7-8	60 - 120 min. up to four days per week
	9-12	75 - 120 min. up to four days per week

It should be noted that in grades 7-12, the homework time may vary according to type and number of subjects a student is taking.

Types of Assignments

The goals of homework, as defined in the district homework philosophy, indicate that multiple kinds of assignments should be used; these are described as follows:

1. Creative activities
2. Cultural enrichment
3. Drill and practice as well as problem solving activities
4. Makeup assignments and revision
5. Review or remediation
6. Extension of learning to new applications
7. Extended reading
8. Independent research/reports

Materials and Resources

Teachers are to consider student access to materials when making assignments.

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Makeup Work

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians that no student may have his/her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any excused absence when missed assignments and tests are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. Such notification shall include the full text of Education Code 48205. (Education Code 48980)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The teacher of any class from which a student is suspended may require the student to complete any assignments and tests missed during the suspension. (Education Code 48913)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

Standards

Homework assignments are to reflect the same high standards of legibility, neatness, content and completeness as expected in the classroom.

Communication with Parents/Guardians

In addition to communication sent by the district regarding the district homework policy, teachers are to notify students and parents/guardians of their classroom homework policy during the first three weeks of school. This is to include homework schedules, significant due dates, time allowances and grading review practices. Parents/guardians are also to be kept informed if their student is not turning in homework assignments. The local school principal has responsibility for ensuring that the class homework policy is congruent with district philosophy and administrative regulations.

Review of Homework

1. All assignments are to be acknowledged by the teacher in a timely manner.
2. An indication of the quality of the student's work is to be made. It can be a grade, a comment, a symbol to indicate the work was acceptable or an indication that credit for completion was granted.

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