

Instruction

Homework/Makeup Work-

Homework is defined as the time students spend outside the classroom in assigned learning activities. The Governing Board believes that the purpose of homework is to increase knowledge, inspire creativity, improve ability and practice skills. In its priority to educate the whole child, the Board believes, and research supports, that meaningful and appropriate homework is a relevant extension of the classroom that can positively affect student learning. Assignments are based on the individual needs of each student and stress quality rather than quantity. The Board values and supports the relationship between parents and teachers that fosters student growth. Further, the Board believes that completing homework is the responsibility of the student.

Meaningful and Appropriate Homework:

1. Has a clear academic purpose (such as practice, checking for understanding, or applying knowledge or skills).
2. Efficiently demonstrates student learning.
3. Promotes ownership (by offering choices and being personally relevant).
4. Instills a sense of competence (the student can successfully complete it without help)
5. Is relevant to learning outcomes.

Site Homework Plans

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that administrators and teachers develop and implement an effective homework plan at each school site. The district homework policy and site homework plan will be shared with parents and students at the beginning of each school year and posted on all school websites.

Makeup Work

Students who miss school work because of an excused absence shall have, upon their return to school, at least two school days for each day missed to complete all assignments and tests that can be provided. As determined by the teacher, the assignments and tests shall be equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the assignments and tests missed during the absence. Students shall receive full credit for work satisfactorily completed within appropriate time limits.

Students who miss schoolwork because of unexcused absences or suspensions may be given the opportunity to make up missed work for full or reduced credit. Teachers shall not assign such makeup work as a punitive measure, but to ensure academic progress.

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. Such notification shall include the full text of Education Code 48205.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48205 Absences for personal reasons

48913 Completion of work missed by suspended student

48980 Parental notifications

58700-58702 Tutoring and homework assistance program; summer school apportionment credit

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