

Instruction

SUBJECT: HOMEWORK

The Depew Board of Education recognizes that homework is an important extension of the learning initiated in the classroom. The purpose of homework is to help students become self-directing, independent learners. Homework assignments shall support clearly defined school and classroom objectives, and shall be used to reinforce and enhance school experiences while promoting student responsibility and self-discipline.

Assignments should be purposeful, constructive, related to class activity and meet individual students' interests, needs, and abilities. If best results are to be attained, homework assignments should be of reasonable length and receive follow-up recognition and evaluation.

The specific objectives of homework may vary at grade levels, but generally include these purposes:

- a) To extend the concept of learning beyond the classroom.
- b) To provide for immediate reinforcement of classroom instruction.
- c) To nurture the development of good study habits.
- d) To encourage the use of independent research skills.
- e) To provide the teacher with an ongoing assessment of student progress.

Homework is also recognized as an important bridge between the school and the home. Parental concern, interest, and involvement with the student's homework is expected and welcomed.

The practice of assigning homework is strongly encouraged and supported by the Depew Board of Education.