

HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK

The Governing Board recognizes that homework serves multiple purposes and contributes toward building responsibility, self-discipline and lifelong learning habits that influence students' ability to meet the district's academic standards. The Board expects students, parents/guardians and staff to view homework as a routine and important part of students' lives.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that administrators and teachers facilitate the implementation of an effective homework plan at each school site. The principal, staff and parents/guardians at each school shall develop a comprehensive 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 by a grade level and/or course and how homework relates to the student's grades. As needed, teachers may receive training in designing relevant, challenging and meaningful homework assignments that reinforce classroom learning objectives. Principal or designee shall ensure adherence to the school site homework plan and make it available at the school site.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

It is the student's responsibility to do homework assignments independently, in collaborative study groups and/or make use of other available resources. The Board encourages teachers at all grade levels to work with parents/guardians in a mutually supportive and respectful partnership to help their students succeed in their academic achievement. When students repeatedly fail to complete their homework, parents/guardians shall be notified and asked to contact the teacher.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Makeup Work

Students who miss school work because of an excused absence shall be given the opportunity to complete all assignments, class-work, homework and tests that can be reasonably provided. As determined by the teacher, the assignments and tests shall be reasonably 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 a reasonable period of time. The teacher shall provide the student access to the topics covered during the student's absence. Teachers shall inform students and parents/guardians of the makeup work plan at the beginning of each grade/course. (Education Code 48205)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK (continued)

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

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

Management Resources:

SBE POLICIES

Parent Involvement in the Education of Their Children, 1994

Policy Statement on Homework, 1995

Policy
adopted:

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