

Existing policy, number 6154 adopted 5/20/14, appropriate as written.

Instruction

Homework and Class Assignments

Homework is considered to be any assignment that is completed outside of the school day. The purpose of homework is to reinforce skills and to develop good independent study habits. Homework is a responsibility shared among the student, the teacher and the family.

Homework should be:

1. Respectful of the child's ability and developmental level,
2. Related to the work of the classroom and, where possible, to the interest of the individual student, and
3. Reasonable in amount and degree of difficulty.

Under most circumstances, homework will not be assigned during weekends, vacations and breaks unless sufficient school time was already provided.

Materials necessary to complete the homework should be readily accessible for all students.

Homework is an essential part of an effective and well planned instructional program. Homework serves to enhance learning opportunities for students beyond the classroom and the school day, developing students' life-long skills and attitudes towards learning and contributing to academic achievement. Homework is also an important way to communicate with families about what is occurring in the classroom.

Homework assignments should consider times of religious celebrations at home and conflicts in school with testing or special events, such as concerts, which require participants to be at school for long hours.

Guidelines - Daily Work Monday through Thursday

Primary School

Kindergarten	Weekly assignments, 15 minutes Reading
First Grade	Up to 20 minutes per day, includes Reading
Second Grade	Up to 30 minutes per day, includes Reading

Intermediate School

Third Grade	Up to 30 minutes per day, 20 minutes Reading
Grade Four	Up to 40 minutes, not including Reading
Grade Five	Up to 50 minutes, not including Reading
Grade Six	Up to 60 minutes, not including Reading

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If a student is unable to complete homework assignments within the recommended period of time, the student should stop work and the student or parents should inform the teacher.

At the beginning of the school year, teachers will inform parents of their specific practices regarding homework. Frequency, duration and purposes of homework will be communicated and discussed. The Open House, scheduled each September, is an opportunity to discuss student homework with parents.

Students who are absent from school are responsible for completing work missed during their absence as soon as possible after their return to school. Parents should request homework for a child who is absent from school for more than two days due to illness, injury, or a family emergency. The request may be made through the teacher or school office. Teachers will make those materials available. Advance assignments will not be given to children who will be absent for vacations or trips made during the time when school is in session.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules, policies and procedures.