

## **Homework/Makeup Work**

### Homework

The Governing Board believes that homework serves many important purposes. Homework is an essential part of an effective, well planned instructional program. It multiplies significantly individual teachers' efforts to affect student learning, performance, and achievement with classroom instruction alone. It reinforces for students that learning occurs all the time, not just during school hours. The administration and certificated staff shall design homework plans and assignments so that through their homework, students can reinforce academic skills taught in school and learn how to conduct research effectively, develop ideas creatively and become life-long learners.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

The Board believes that homework is the responsibility of the student. It is the student's job to develop regular study habits and to do most assignments independently. The Board encourages teachers at all grade levels to use the parent/guardian as a contributing resource and to structure homework assignments so as to involve the parent/guardian without diminishing the student's sense of responsibility. When assigning homework which involves interaction with parents/guardians, teachers should include instructions which show how parents/guardians can best help their children.

To be effective, homework assignments should not place an undue burden on students and families. Homework should reinforce classroom learning objectives and be related to individual student needs and abilities.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that administrators and teachers at each school site develop and implement an effective homework plan in accordance with Board policy. As needed, teachers may receive training in designing of relevant, challenging and meaningful homework assignments that reinforce classroom learning objectives.

(cf. Evaluation and Supervision)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

### Makeup Work

Students shall be given the opportunity to make up school work missed because of an excused absence and shall receive full credit if the work is turned in according to a reasonable makeup schedule.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

Teachers may require a suspended student to complete any assignments and tests issued during suspension (Education Code 48913).

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

The Board encourages teachers to give suspended students full credit for work that is turned in according to a reasonable make-up schedule.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48205 Absences for personal reasons

48913 Completion of work missed by suspended pupil

58700 Tutoring and homework assistance programs; summer school portionment credit

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