

Homework Policy

(subject to changes and revisions)

HOMEWORK is defined as instructionally based, out-of-class tasks assigned to students as an extension or elaboration of classroom work. To derive the greatest benefit from school learning experiences, students must at times finish related study and follow-up work at home. The Board of Education supports and encourages homework that strengthens and reinforces learning. Homework is an integral part of a student's education. It reinforces student learning in school, builds responsibility, and develops essential study habits. Homework shall be considered within the framework of the needs of individual students in meeting program or course objectives. An important aim in the accomplishment of homework shall be the student's acceptance of the responsibility for independent work outside the formal classroom situation. **PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CHECK EDLINE (SEE PG.3)**

Schools have the responsibility in developing and communicating the policies, guidelines and procedures for assigning and coordinating homework to teachers, students, and parents.

Teachers have the responsibility for making meaningful and consistent assignments. The purposes and criteria should be clearly understood by both the student and the teacher. Teachers connect the lessons with standards being addressed.

Students have the responsibility for accepting and completing homework in a timely and effective manner, soliciting help and support of parents and teachers as necessary.

Parents have the responsibility of providing the time, place, supervision, and other means and support necessary for their child to complete the homework in a timely and effective manner.

Homework assignments may include:

- (1) Practice assignments, which reinforce skills and concepts taught in class
- (2) Preparation assignments, which provide background information before topics appear in class
- (3) Extension assignments, which emphasize individual needs and interests, creativity, and/or application of knowledge gained in class
- (4) Study assignments, which prepare students for or provide for completion of independent reading
- (5) Long term assignments, which emphasize independent completion of projects that increase at higher grade levels.

***In cases when a student will be absent for an extended period of time, parents can arrange for homework assignments by contacting their child's counselor. The counselor will notify the teachers of the request for homework. A packet containing assignments will be available for pickup through the main office. The counselor will contact the parents to arrange a pickup date. The use of EdLine is also a good tool use for homework assignments in several cases. (see page 3)*

All Absences must be called in to the Attendance Office in a timely manner.