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## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

### **Objective**

Provide students with maximum personal and academic growth opportunities by using homework purposefully and selectively.

### **Philosophy**

At Murchison we are committed to student learning. Research proves that acquisition of new skills and knowledge (learning) and strengthening of existing skills and knowledge (reinforcement) are most successful when practiced in short, intense chunks. We also believe that homework is best used as a formative assessment. This means that teachers can evaluate student learning based on homework performance. For those reasons, we have created a homework policy that we believe aligns our new bell schedule with current educational research.

### **Policy**

All subjects may assign homework daily. Students may conclude a subject's homework after 10 minutes of determined effort on that subject.

\*When applicable, a teacher may require students to draw a line indicating where the students stopped after 10 minutes, and have the students' parent or guardian sign on the line. This way, parents are aware of their student's learning progress and are a part of the learning process.

### **Addendum**

- Musical instrument practice and independent reading in English Language Arts are not included in this policy.
- A student may choose to work longer than 10 minutes on a subject in one night, but that is up to the student.
- A teacher may have students work 10 minutes per night on the same assignment over multiple nights, but the maximum requirement would remain 10 minutes per night for that class.
- Some subjects do not usually assign homework, such as physical education and career and technology education (CTE).
- All homework assignments will be posted on the teacher's webpage in BLEND.
- This policy means that the maximum amount of time that a student would ever be required to spend on homework for all classes in one night is 80 minutes. (That is very unlikely to occur.)