

HOMEWORK

The School Board acknowledges the educational validity of out-of-school assignments as adjuncts to and extensions of the instructional program of the schools, which contributes to the educational process of the student.

"Homework" shall refer to those assignments to be prepared outside of the school by the student or independently while in attendance at school.

Homework shall be assigned according to these guidelines:

- A. Homework should be a properly planned part of the curriculum to extend and reinforce the learning experience of the school or to complete work not completed in class.
- B. Homework should help students learn by providing practice in the mastery of skills, experience in data gathering, and integration of knowledge, and an opportunity to remediate learning problems.
- C. Homework should help develop the student's sense of responsibility by providing an opportunity for the exercise of independent work and judgment.
- D. The number, frequency, and degree of difficulty of homework assignments should be based on the ability and needs of the student and take into account other activities which make a legitimate claim on the student's time.
- E. As a valid educational tool, homework should be assigned with clear direction and its product carefully evaluated.
- F. The schools should recognize the role of parents by suggesting ways in which parents can assist the school in helping a student carry out assigned responsibilities.
- G. Homework should always serve a valid learning purpose; it should never be used as a punitive measure.

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