



**HOMEWORK**

**Category:** Educational Services

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**Policy Statement**

Homework is an opportunity to extend learning from the classroom and reinforce skills, knowledge, and concepts.

Homework:

- Should be a task students grades 3-12 can complete independently.
- Research says that using homework as a means to teach something new or a form of punishment is not beneficial. It is recognized that inappropriate homework may produce little or no benefit and may even decrease student achievement.
- Must have a clear academic purpose and be used to enhance student learning.
- Should prepare students for new learning (reinforce skills, understanding and/or knowledge).
- Can be used to check for student’s understanding (used as evidence of formative assessment and does not necessarily need to be graded).
- Should be relevant and promote student ownership.

**Procedures**

- Grades K-2** At this level, home learning opportunities should foster positive attitudes and habits, permit appropriate parent involvement and reinforce learning of simple skills addressed in class. Home learning opportunities may be a mix of numeracy and literacy (for example, a set number of minutes for the child and parent to read to each other).
- Grades 3-5** The recommendation is five to ten minutes x grade level per evening; grade 3 (15- 30 min.) grade 4 (20-40 min.) and grade 5 (25-50 min.). At this level, homework plays a more direct role in improving achievement.
- Grades 6-12** The recommendation is five ten minutes x grade level per evening. At high school level homework may be more, depending on the academic program the student is in, and if it plays an important role in improving student learning and achievement.

Learning opportunities are worked on during class time; however, it may be necessary for some of the tasks to be completed at home to complement instructional time. Teachers at the middle and high school levels coordinate the number of learning opportunities assigned to students so a student is not completing several tasks during the same time period.