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HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK

Homework

- 1. Homework is a learning activity the complexity of which should be commensurate with the subject involved.
- 2. Homework may be a completion of work begun in class; a review of concepts; an extension of previously introduced work; or an introduction to a new subject matter.
- 3. The goals of homework are to assist students to master the concepts learned in the classroom, to extend the curriculum when desirable, and to develop good study habits and responsible attitudes.
- 4. Parents are responsible for providing the opportunity for their children to complete homework assignments and are encouraged to cooperate with and give support to the teachers.
- 5. Homework may be assigned on a daily or a long term basis. The student's progress on long term assignments should be checked periodically by the teacher.
- 6. Homework will be a regular part of the instructional program in academic classes or where appropriate in other classes. The diversity of subject matter and the variations in student ability prohibit specific time requirements per assignment. However, on the average, students should expect 2 hours per class per week of assigned homework.
- 7. Homework when assigned will become part of the student's academic grade. The completion or non-completion of assignments will affect only the academic grade of the student.
- 8. Teachers are expected to discuss homework policies with each of their classes.

School-Site Homework Plan

The principal and staff at each school shall develop and regularly review a school-site homework plan that includes guidelines for the assignment of homework and describes the responsibilities of students, staff and parents/guardians. The plan shall identify all of the following:

- 1. For each grade level, the amount of time that students shall be expected to spend on homework
- 2. For each grade level, the extent to which homework assignments shall systematically involve participation by parents/guardians
- 3. The means by which parents/guardians shall be informed about:
 - a. Homework expectations
 - b. How homework relates to the students' grades
 - c. How best to help their children
- 4. Techniques that will be taught to help students allocate their time wisely, meet their deadlines and develop good personal study habits

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- 5. The access that students shall have to obtain:
 - a. Resource materials from the library media center
 - b. Assistance and/or tutoring through telephone help lines and/or after-school centers
- 6. The means by which teachers shall coordinate assignments so that students do not receive an overload of homework one day and very little the next
- 7. For each grade level, the extent to which homework assignments shall emphasize independent research, reports, special reading and problem-solving activities

Makeup Work

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians that no student may have his/her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any absence when missed assignments and tests are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. (Education Code 48980)

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(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)
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The teacher of any class from which a student is suspended may require the student to complete any assignments and tests missed during the suspension. (Education Code 48913)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

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