

Homework

Code #345.03

In the Tri-County Area School District, the term "homework" refers to an assignment to be prepared during a period of supervised study in class or outside of class or which requires individual work in the study hall, IMC, classroom or home.

The purposes of homework are to improve the learning processes, to aid in the mastery of skills, and to create and stimulate interest on the part of the student.

Homework is a learning activity which should increase in complexity with the maturity of the student. With increased maturity, learning should become an independent activity. This should be established through consistent assignments which encourage students to investigate for themselves and to work independently as well as with others.

Teachers are to endeavor to make meaningful assignments. The purposes should always be clearly understood by both the teacher and the student.

Homework assignments should be consistent in terms of the amount given each day and the time required for completion so that a meaningful pattern can be established by the teacher and/or the student.

Homework assignments should take into consideration individual differences of students such as health, ability, conditions at home, and educational resources at home. Homework should not require the use of reference materials not readily available in most homes, school libraries, or the public libraries, and should require the use of those materials only when the student has had instruction in the use of them.

There are many other learning activities in the life of a student besides homework. Such things as participating in school activities, pursuing cultural interests, participating in family living, and exploring personal interests should be considered by teachers when planning consistent assignments.

Homework assignments should be coordinated among teachers and within the limit of expected probability for accomplishment by the student. Homework is not to be used as a form of punishment under any circumstances.

Homework should be assigned for the following purposes:

- To give additional practice in order to strengthen basic skills.
- To help students acquire a deeper and broader understanding of the subject matter.
- To help develop independent work habits.
- To utilize resources unique to the home and/or community.
- To encourage use of an individual's creative ability.
- To allow students to pursue special interests.
- To facilitate more productive utilization of classroom time.

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