

**HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK**

The Board of Education believes that homework is an important part of the educational program of students and should be assigned on a regular basis. Homework should help students become self-directed, independent learners and improve their academic achievements.

Homework assignments appropriate to the developmental level of a student will be used for enrichment, reinforcement, and extension of school experiences.

The amount of time usually required to complete homework assignments should gradually increase from a few minutes per day in the primary grades to two or more hours in high school.

Each school will develop a homework plan to assure that this policy is fully and properly implemented. It will be the responsibility of each teacher to understand the school plan and participate in it.

The Board recognizes that cooperation between parents and the school is necessary for effective home study. Parents are encouraged to take an interest in the homework activities of their children and provide conditions that are conducive to good study habits.

To further support students' homework efforts, the district may establish and maintain telephone help lines and/or after-school centers where students can receive encouragement and clarification about homework assignments from teachers, volunteers and/or more advanced students who are performing community service. The Board encourages the Superintendent or designee to design class and transportation schedules that will enable students to make use of homework support services.

- (cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*
- (cf. 1700 - Relations between Private Industry and the Schools)*
- (cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)*
- (cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)*
- (cf. 6112 - School Day)*
- (cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)*

**Makeup Work**

Students who miss school work because of an excused absence shall be given the opportunity to complete all assignments and tests that can be reasonably provided. As determined by the teacher, the assignments and tests shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the assignments and tests missed during the absence. Students shall receive full credit for work satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. (Education Code 48205)

- (cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)*

**HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK** (continued)

Students who miss school work because of unexcused absences shall be given the opportunity to make up missed work. Teachers shall assign such makeup work as necessary to ensure academic progress, not as a punitive measure.

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

48205 Absences for personal reasons

48913 Completion of work missed by suspended student

48980 Parental notifications

58700-58702 Tutoring and homework assistance program; summer school apportionment credit

*Management Resources:*

SBE POLICIES

Parent Involvement in the Education of Their Children, 1994

Policy Statement on Homework, 1995

Policy  
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