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HOMEWORK

The term homework refers to an assignment to be prepared during a period of supervised study in class or outside class which requires individual work in study hall or at home.

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

Homework should increase in complexity with the maturity of the pupil. With increased maturity, learning should become an independent activity. This should be accomplished through consistent assignments which encourage students to work independently or with others.

Teachers should make meaningful assignments. The purposes should always be clearly understood by the teacher and the pupil.

The information for any homework assignment should be clear and specific so that the pupil can complete the assignment.

Homework assignments should take into consideration individual differences of pupils 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 library, and should require the use of those materials only when the pupil has had instruction in the use of them.

There are many other learning activities in the life of a student besides homework. School activities, cultural activities and family activities should be considered when planning assignments. Homework should not be used as punishment.

An effort should be made to assign a consistent amount of homework each day to help the pupil establish a routine. When major long term projects are assigned, due dates should be established and check points built into the assignment. Additional guidelines shall be developed at each school and publicized in the school handbook.

