

HOMEWORK POLICY EXETER SCHOOL DISTRICT

I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Exeter School Board that every student will be assigned homework on a regular basis.

II. DEFINITION

THE TERM "HOMEWORK" REFERS TO CLASS-RELATED WORK COMPLETED OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM.

III. RATIONALE

Homework is an integral part of the educational process. It has a positive effect on educational achievement. Homework is a discipline for students to develop organizational skills, responsibility, self-confidence, and good work and study habits. From the earliest grades, students may begin to experience the benefits and application of independent learning. In order to obtain the maximum benefit, homework requires cooperation, active participation and communication among administrators, teachers, parents and students. Homework has different purposes at different grade levels. Its primary purpose at the elementary level is to foster positive and consistent work habits and individual student responsibility

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Administrative Responsibilities

1. To communicate both the district and the school homework policies to parents.
2. To monitor the implementation of the homework policies.
3. To facilitate the scheduling of homework among the different subjects.

B. Teacher Responsibilities

1. To inform students and parents of both course and homework expectations.
2. To provide purposeful, relevant and clear assignments.
3. To promptly acknowledge all homework assignments, and to return written materials to students.
4. To assign homework according to the age, maturity level, individual needs and interests of the students.
5. To clearly communicate the expectations of the assignment to students.

C. Student responsibilities

1. To make sure that they understand homework assignments and due dates.
2. To complete their homework assignments to the best of their ability.
3. To submit their homework to their instructors on time.
4. To communicate with teachers regarding questions concerning homework assignments, missed assignments and expectations.
5. To schedule time for homework which is compatible with family and/or after school activities.

D. Parent responsibilities

1. To provide and support an environment which is conducive to the student's successful completion of homework assignments.

2. To encourage a positive attitude towards homework.
3. To monitor homework for appropriate completion.
4. To communicate with teachers regarding questions concerning homework assignments, missed assignments and expectations.
5. To obtain missed homework assignments when necessary.

V. TIME GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are not rigid and restrictive, but rather, they should be utilized to identify appropriate time and effort. Reference to time means the average time necessary for a student to complete the assignments. Late or missing assignment may result in disciplinary action. Referral to After School Homework Program may also occur for grades 3-5 students.

Grade Level Homework Policy Guidelines

Reading is encouraged at all levels on a daily basis.

KINDERGARTEN -Daily activities via a monthly homework calendar. Parents and children read each night.

GRADE ONE - REGULAR DAILY PRACTICE of spelling words, sight words, math facts, and oral reading. (15-20 Minutes). In addition, periodically there may be work for special topics.

GRADE TWO - 20-30 minutes 4 days per week, which includes reading, spelling, math, and occasionally special projects.

GRADE THREE - 30 minutes, 4 days per week. This may include work in reading, language arts, math, science and social studies. In addition, special projects may periodically require extra time.

GRADE FOUR - 30-50 minutes 4 days per week. This may include work in reading, language arts, math, science and social studies. In addition, special projects may periodically require extra time.

GRADE FIVE - 45-60 minutes, 4 days per week. This may include work in reading, language arts, math, science and social studies. In addition, special projects may periodically require extra time.

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