



POLICY 130 -- HOMEWORK

1. Purpose

Homework assignments should complement the school instruction. The assignments should develop student responsibility, good study habits, and organizational skills. Homework assignments should provide practice and reinforcement of skills already presented by the teacher, provide an opportunity for parents to be aware of what their child is studying, and encourage parent and child interaction.

2. Guidelines

Homework is essential in order to maintain high educational standards. It is a means of reinforcing instruction and contributes to the development of individual responsibility. The following guidelines shall apply to the assignment of homework.

1. Homework may be assigned beginning with the first day of school.
2. A segment of class time should be devoted to introducing and discussing a homework assignment.
3. Homework should have an academic purpose and should not be given for disciplinary reasons or construed as busy work.
4. A supervised study period when students begin an assignment while the teacher rotates throughout the room to assist students and to ascertain that students are starting their homework as expected is recommended when educationally appropriate.
5. Homework which requires lengthy preparation on the part of the student should be given well in advance of the due date so that students will also have time to complete daily assignments in other subjects.