

Instruction

Homework/Make-up Work

Homework

The Board of Education believes that homework serves many important purposes. The administration and certificated staff shall design homework plans and assignments so that through their homework, students can reinforce academic skills taught in school and learn how to conduct research effectively, develop ideas creatively and become life-long learners.

The Board believes that homework is the responsibility of the student. It is the student's job to develop regular study habits and to do most assignments independently. The Board encourages teachers at all grade levels to use the parent/guardian as a contributing resource and to structure homework assignments so as to involve the parent/guardian without diminishing the student's sense of responsibility. When assigning homework which involves interaction with parents/guardians, teachers should include instructions which show how parents/guardians can best help their children.

To be effective, homework assignments should not place an undue burden on students and families. Homework should reinforce classroom learning objectives and be related to individual student needs and abilities. The Superintendent shall ensure that each school site develops an effective homework plan in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

Make-up 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, 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) Teachers may require a suspended student to complete any assignments and tests missed during suspension. (E. C. 48913)

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

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of the Board

48205 Absences for personal reasons

48913 Completion of work missed by suspended pupil

48980 Parent/guardian notification