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The Board of Education believes that homework assignments at all grade levels provide a meaningful extension of student learning experiences and help students develop initiative, independence and a sense of responsibility.

Homework assignments are made on a regular basis by teachers at all grade levels, with such assignments being appropriate to the age and grade level and to the needs and abilities of the learner. Assignments are to be meaningful and should reinforce or enhance classroom learning activities.

The Superintendent shall implement the following homework guidelines:

1. Homework is a properly planned part of the curriculum, extending and/or reinforcing the learning experience;
2. Homework helps children learn by providing practice in the mastery of skills, and integration of knowledge;
3. Homework helps develop pupil responsibility and provide an opportunity for the exercise of independent work and judgment;
4. The number and frequency of homework assignments should take into account other school activities that make a claim on the pupil's time;
5. As a valid educational tool, homework will be clearly assigned and its product evaluated to assess learning. Informal evaluation will be reported to the pupil;
6. Parents will be informed of ways in which they may assist the school in helping a child carry out assigned responsibilities;
7. Homework will always serve a valid learning purpose; it should never be used as a punitive measure;
8. Homework will not be graded. Parents will be notified if homework is not complete. Regular projects such as research papers and long-term projects will be graded;



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9. As an incentive to complete assignments, students who complete homework will be given up to an extra ten (10) percent on their marking period average;
10. Weekend and holiday homework is discouraged and shall only be assigned if a new concept is introduced on a Friday and/or the day before a holiday. Make-up homework, long-term projects and research papers could be assigned over periods that include weekends and/or holidays;
11. Suggested total times for daily homework:

Kindergarten	Teacher Discretion
Grade 1-3	0-30 minutes
Grade 4-5	0-50 minutes
Grade 6-8	0-75 minutes
Grade 9-12	0-120 minutes
12. Homework should not be started and/or completed in class;
13. Teachers are responsible for offering meaningful and reasonable assignments and family members are to be encouraged to be actively involved in the homework process;

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