

**Instruction**

**Homework and Make-Up Work**

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 of Education 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 of Education 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. As needed, teachers may receive training in designing relevant, challenging and meaningful homework assignments that reinforce classroom learning objectives. Teachers' expectations related to homework may be addressed in their evaluations.

Homework should reinforce classroom learning objectives and be related to individual student needs and abilities. When students repeatedly fail to do their homework, parents/guardians shall be notified and asked to contact the teacher.

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 will be given the opportunity to make up school work missed because of an excused absence; and may be given an opportunity to make up school work missed because of a suspension or unexcused absence. Students shall receive full credit for make-up work if the work is turned in according to a reasonable make-up schedule.

Teachers may require a suspended student to complete any assignments and tests missed during suspension.

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

Legal References: Education Code  
48205 Absences for personal reasons  
48913 Completion of work missed by suspended pupil  
48980 Parental notifications  
Board Policy  
5113 - Absences and Excuses

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