

### HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK

The board of education believes that homework relevant to material presented in class provides an opportunity to broaden, deepen or reinforce the student's knowledge. Teachers must use discretion in deciding the number and length of assignments. The board encourages the use of interrelated major homework assignments such as term papers, themes and creative art projects.

Homework should have a valid educational purpose and should pertain to the objectives of the unit under study or the course being taken. The board encourages the interrelated use of major homework assignments such as term papers, themes, creative art projects; especially as the district moves toward improving academic standards.

The board requires that meaningful homework i.e. any assignment that a student does outside of the classroom environment, become an integral part of every student's learning experiences. The habit and discipline of doing homework consistently will be developed by the assignment of reasonable amounts of homework an average of four (4) times per week in each of the following subject areas: Business Education, English, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Homework assignments in all other subject areas will be dictated by the specific nature of each subject. These areas are Art, Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Music, Physical Education, and other classes so designated by the principal because of their specialized nature in consultation with the respective department chairperson.

The board further requires that homework assignments be checked or evaluated. These evaluations or grades will be recorded in the teacher's record book as a specific factor which will constitute at least the equivalent of a major grade or a maximum of 20% of a student's final average for each marking period.

Homework shall not be used for punitive reasons.

Students absent for any reason must make up assignments, classwork and tests within a reasonable length of time. In most cases, a reasonable length of time shall be the same number of school days as the days missed.

Students being excused for any reason must make arrangements with the teacher of the missed classes in order to make up the work missed. This must be done before the absence from class.

He superintendent is required to report to the board annually on the effectiveness of class use of homework.

#### Make-Up Work

Any student who is absent from school because of illness or suspension shall be provided the opportunity to make up the work missed if it will have a direct influence on the grade he/she will receive for the subject.

It shall be the responsibility of the administration to ensure that this policy is implemented.

A student who misses a class for any reason will be assigned make-up work for each class missed. All assignments for make-up are to be completed within five (5) school days unless other arrangements are made with the teachers. Arranging for make-up work is the sole responsibility of the student. Work not made up within the prescribed time will be graded with zero credit. Teachers will send out warning notices to parents of students who have not made up work.

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**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties  
N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14 Religious holidays; absence of students on; effect  
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)  
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-10.1 et seq. Summer School Sessions

**Possible**

**Cross References:** 1320 Participation in out of school community activities  
 \*1322 Contests for students  
 \*5020 Role of parents/guardians  
 \*5113 Absences and excuses  
 \*5124 Reporting to parents/guardians  
 \*6145 Extracurricular activities  
 \*6153 Field trips  
 6174 Summer school

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.