

**HOMEWORK/MAKE-UP WORK****Homework**

The Governing Board believes that homework properly designed, carefully planned, and which is appropriate to the development of the individual student is an essential part of an effective, well-planned instructional program. 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. Homework, if properly designed, significantly strengthens student learning and achievement.

The Board believes 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 all teachers to view the parent/guardian as a contributing resource and to structure homework assignments 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. Homework can involve a variety of activities related to the established curriculum and does not need to be exclusively "paper and pencil." This can also include advance preparation for upcoming lessons.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school site develops an effective homework plan in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

**Make-up Work**

Students shall be given the opportunity to make up school work missed because of an excused absence or suspension and shall receive full credit if the work is turned in according to the school's established make-up schedule.

*(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)*

Teachers may require a suspended student to complete any assignments and tests missed during suspension (Education Code 48913).

**HOMEWORK/MAKE-UP WORK** (continued)

**Excused Absence for Students Observance of Religious Holidays**

The student and/or parent has the responsibility to make arrangements with the classroom teacher for any make-up assignments. The classroom teacher will make every effort to not schedule tests during or on the school day following religious holidays and will provide make-up assignments or inform students of post-holiday tests prior to the holiday being observed. The student will be allowed two (2) days for each day of absence to make up assignments and/or tests if tests must be scheduled during the period of absence or on the day he/she returns to class. Additional time may be given at the classroom teacher's discretion.

*(cf. 6182 - Opportunity School/Class/Program)*

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*48205 Absences for personal reasons*

*48913 Completion of work missed by suspended pupil*