

## I-42 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS' HOMEWORK

### GENERAL GUIDELINES - HOMEWORK IN GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH FIVE

1. Homework should be a definite part of the classroom learning.
2. Homework should be assigned when:
  - a. the student has not used his time well in class and needs to do homework to keep up;
  - b. the student has been absent and the work is make-up;
  - c. the assigned homework is a natural extension of class work for the purpose of drill, practice, application or enrichment;
  - d. outside of classroom observations, reading experimentation (not always paper and pencil work) will reinforce the lesson taught.
3. Homework should meet the child's individual abilities and needs.
4. When a student has more than one teacher, the teachers should make effort to coordinate homework assignments so the total amount of time required to complete all work will not exceed ninety minutes at intermediate levels and 45 minutes at primary levels.
5. Assigning homework over weekends and holidays should be avoided unless there is a need due to absences or failure to use time in class effectively.
6. Homework must have a purpose and not be busy work. The content must be material that the student understands and which class instruction provides the base for success in completing.
7. Homework assignments should be made so that the act of getting materials home, completing the work, and returning the materials to school on time becomes a learned skill on the part of students and parents.

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