

## **I-43 SECONDARY SCHOOL HOMEWORK**

Homework is an out-of-school assignment that contributes to the educational process of the student. It should be an extension of class work and should be related to the objectives of the curriculum presently studied. Homework may include additional practice exercises, reading of material on a specified subject, in-depth extension of classroom activities, or independent project work related to the subject.

Homework should fulfill the following purposes or objectives:

1. to review, reinforce, or extend classroom learning;
2. to teach students responsibility and organizational skills;
3. to promote wise and orderly use of time;
4. to encourage a carry-over of worthwhile school activities;
5. to provide enrichment activities.

### **RECOMMENDED TEACHER GUIDELINES**

1. Homework assignments are an ideal vehicle to allow parents to become aware of what their students are doing in school.
2. Homework assignments should be specific and students should know what is expected of them.
3. Homework should include only those activities which a student can accomplish outside the classroom setting.
4. Homework should be evaluated and the procedure for evaluating should be clearly understood by students.
5. Homework, when assigned, should be an integral part of the classroom activities.
6. Homework should be a reasonable extension of the class. Unreasonable extensive assignments may be counterproductive and are discouraged.
7. The teacher should be cognizant that other teachers also contribute to the student's total homework and carefully assess his fair share.
8. The teacher should notify parents if a student consistently fails to do homework assignments.

## RECOMMENDED PARENT GUIDELINES

1. Establish a regular uninterrupted homework time in a quiet, well lighted place.
2. Encourage and support your child's efforts. Be available for questions, but remember... homework is the child's responsibility, not the parents'.
3. Encourage your child to seek help and ask questions of the teacher when in doubt about an assignment.
4. Communicate with the teacher whenever your child has consistent difficulty with homework assignments.

## RECOMMENDED STUDENT GUIDELINES

1. Clarify with the teacher any questions pertaining to the instructions before leaving class.
2. Take home any materials and information needed to complete the assignment.
3. Learn to budget your time. When study time is provided during the day, you should take advantage of it. Long term assignments should be planned so they do not have to be done all at once.
4. With the aid of parents,
  - a. set aside a special time in which to do the assignment;
  - b. find a special place free from excessive noise and other distractions in which to work;
  - c. organize your time so assignments can be completed in a reasonable length of time;
  - d. check carefully the completed assignments.
5. Return all work completed to the teacher by the date requested.
6. Make up work missed during an illness or excused absence.

A key factor in the effectiveness of a homework policy is home-school communication. When all concerned know exactly what is expected, homework can be rewarding.

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