

HOMEWORK

It is recognized that the effective implementation of the district’s homework policy requires specific and ongoing communication between the home and the school and is a joint responsibility of student, parent, teacher, principal and superintendent.

The following guidelines regarding this communication are established:

1. The professional staff at each school will prepare written guidelines of the homework requirements.
2. Teachers will prepare written guidelines of their homework requirements including the relationship these guidelines will have to the student learner and reporting grades.
3. These requirements will be presented to parents during Back to School Nights each year and throughout the year if needed.
4. Parents and teachers will be informed on an ongoing basis regarding any concern the student is having meeting homework requirements and following the school’s homework guidelines.

Independent reading is valued as a life-long habit and is expected at all levels. This reading is in addition to the assigned homework. Students who read at least twenty minutes (20) per night at the elementary and thirty minutes (30) or more at the middle school will meet the California Standards for Reading Language Arts for independent reading.

It is understood that the expectations below are averages and that actual minutes will vary based on the content of the instructional program during a particular week and the length of time individual students need to complete particular assignments. The expectation for the average student by grade level for assigned homework will be as follows:

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Time per Day</u> | |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| K | 10-15 minutes | (+ 20 minutes reading) |
| 1 | 15-20 minutes | (+ 20 minutes reading) |
| 2-3 | 30 minutes | (+ 20 minutes reading) |
| 4-5 | 30-50 minutes | (+ 20 minutes reading) |
| 6-7-8 | 50-90 minutes | *Follow Homework Guidelines |

* In middle school the actual time required to complete assignments will vary with each student’s study habits, academic skills, and selected course load. If your child is spending an inordinate amount of time doing homework, contact the school staff.

Religious observance will be respected and the student will be allowed to make up work. Homework shall not be assigned to be completed over the weekend, official holidays and breaks. Homework shall not be assigned on Friday and expected to be returned on the following Monday. However, projects may span into or over multiple weekends or breaks.

First Reading: April 12, 2009

Second Reading and Adoption: June 9, 2009