

Board Policy

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HOMework REGULATION

I. DEFINITION OF HOMEWORK

Homework is defined as extensions, reinforcement, or enrichment of the regular classroom instructional program. Homework may also be work not completed in class.

II. PURPOSE OF HOMEWORK

Homework is an important resource in helping students learn and is included as part of their educational program. It should be an extension of or preparation for class and provide opportunities for:

- Developing initiative, independence, and responsibility
- Developing good study habits
- Supporting differentiation of learning
- Increasing knowledge of content area
- Promoting academic success

III. THE TEACHERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The teacher provides homework that is meaningful. The teacher communicates:

- Homework goals and expectations
- Homework timeline
- Responsibilities of the student
- Responsibilities of the parent
- Quality feedback in a timely manner
- Concerns to student and/or parent

IV. THE CHILD'S RESPONSIBILITY

It is the child's responsibility to complete all homework in the designated time frame and in a quality manner.

V. THE PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents/guardians should recognize the importance of homework in the home-school relationship and can share the responsibility by:

- Providing a suitable place to study
- Monitoring and supporting the student's effort
- Allowing for student independence

VI. QUANTITY OF HOMEWORK

The question concerning how much homework to give is so closely tied to the questions of what kind of homework to give that the two questions cannot be separated. Therefore, the question should be how much quality homework is desirable?

The basic policy approved by the Board of Education is: It shall be the policy of the Bettendorf Community School District to encourage the assignment of meaningful homework. Homework includes those assignments which may properly be considered as extensions, reinforcement, or enrichment of the regular classroom instructional program. Homework may also be work not completed in class. As the word implies, homework is to be completed outside the classroom and subject period in which it is assigned. The amount, length, and type of homework will vary according to the student's grade level, abilities and needs, and the classes and courses. Homework will not necessarily be assigned every day.

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