

HOMEWORK RESPONSIBILITIES

Homework serves to enrich and enhance the learning process with assignments that reinforce what has been learned in the classroom by providing an opportunity to practice, apply and extend learning concepts.

At the elementary level, homework is designed to meet the needs and ability levels of all students and give parents an opportunity to review current classroom practices and curriculum. At the secondary level, homework is designed to develop critical thinking, foster self-discipline, cultivate time management, and enhance research skills.

Teacher Considerations

Teachers are expected to assign work on a regular basis that supports current topics introduced in the classroom. At the elementary level, homework will follow this formula:

Grade Level x 10 minutes

At the secondary level, the length of assignments will vary according to the level of the course. At both levels, assignments can vary in form or in length (e.g. extending over weekends and/or long breaks).

Teachers will:

- Meaningfully and appropriately meet the individual needs of students.
- Support, enrich and extend classroom activities and curriculum.
- Discuss or publish homework expectations, responsibilities and policies.
- Promote application of effective study skills and time management.
- Emphasize zero tolerance of cheating, copying or plagiarizing.
- Provide feedback in an efficient manner.
- Consider assignments that require little or no cost for students.
- Be respectful of assigning work during religious holidays or other family circumstances.

Student Considerations

A student can expect to have homework assigned regularly. At all levels, students are expected to complete homework in a specified time period and in a manner that represents the student's best effort.

Students will:

- Develop a system for recording, managing and completing assignments.
- Take ownership for the quality of work submitted, which may be evaluated based on completeness and accuracy.
- Communicate extenuating circumstances that may affect the completion of assignments.
- Complete homework independently on a regular basis.
- Understand and follow district guidelines for Academic Integrity.

Parent Considerations

Parent support and encouragement are essential for students in the completion of homework assignments. At all levels, parents may best assist their student with homework by providing an atmosphere in the home that is conducive to studying.

Parents will:

- Assist student in developing a system for recording, managing and completing assignments using available district and personal resources.
- Maintain an awareness of the district guidelines for Academic Integrity and encourage student to abide by the standards set forth in the policy. The Academic Integrity Policy 212.1 can be found on the CRSD website at this link:
http://www.crsd.org/503924385625/lib/503924385625/212.1_2006-2007_2009_02_SO_updated.pdf
- Provide appropriate level of assistance based on student's needs and abilities.
- Encourage student to inform the teacher if the student does not understand a skill or concept, or if the student has an extenuating circumstance impacting completion of an assignment.
- Ensure students have the necessary tools to complete the assignment and be aware of resources available through the school and district.