

**Instruction**

AR 6154(a)

**HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK****School-Site Homework Plan**

The principal and staff at each school shall develop and regularly review a school-site homework plan which includes guidelines for the assignment of homework and describes the responsibilities of students, staff and parents/guardians. The plan shall identify all of the following:

1. For each grade level, the amount of time that students shall be expected to spend on homework
2. For each grade level, the extent to which homework assignments shall systematically involve participation by parents/guardians
3. The means by which parents/guardians shall be informed about:
  - a. Homework expectations
  - b. How homework relates to the student's grades
  - c. How best to help their children
4. Techniques that will be taught to help students allocate their time wisely, meet their deadlines and develop good personal study habits
5. The access that students shall have to obtain:
  - a. Resource materials from the library media center
  - b. Assistance and/or tutoring through telephone help lines and/or after-school centers
6. The means by which teachers shall coordinate assignments so that students do not receive an overload of homework one day and very little the next
7. For each grade level, the extent to which homework assignments shall emphasize independent research, reports, special reading and problem-solving activities

**Makeup Work**

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians that no student may have his/her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any excused absence when missed assignments and tests are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. Such notification shall include the full text of Education Code 48205. (Education Code 48980)

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**HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK** (continued)

*(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)*

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

The teacher of any class from which a student is suspended may require the student to complete any assignments and tests missed during the suspension. (Education Code 48913)

*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*

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**HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK**

The Board of Education believes that homework is an important part of the educational program of students and should be assigned on a regular basis. Homework should help students become self-directed, independent learners and improve their academic achievements.

Homework assignments appropriate to the developmental level of a student will be used for enrichment, reinforcement, and extension of school experiences.

The amount of time usually required to complete homework assignments should gradually increase from a few minutes per day in the primary grades to two or more hours in high school.

Each school will develop a homework plan to assure that this policy is fully and properly implemented. It will be the responsibility of each teacher to understand the school plan and participate in it.

The Board recognizes that cooperation between parents and the school is necessary for effective home study. Parents are encouraged to take an interest in the homework activities of their children and provide conditions that are conducive to good study habits.

To further support students' homework efforts, the district may establish and maintain telephone help lines and/or after-school centers where students can receive encouragement and clarification about homework assignments from teachers, volunteers and/or more advanced students who are performing community service. The Board encourages the Superintendent or designee to design class and transportation schedules that will enable students to make use of homework support services.

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*

*(cf. 1700 - Relations between Private Industry and the Schools)*

*(cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)*

*(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)*

*(cf. 6112 - School Day)*

*(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)*

**Makeup Work**

Students who miss school work because of an excused absence shall be given the opportunity to complete all assignments and tests that can be reasonably provided. As determined by the teacher, the assignments and tests shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the assignments and tests missed during the absence. Students shall receive full credit for work satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. (Education Code 48205)

*(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)*

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**HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK** (continued)

Students who miss school work because of unexcused absences shall be given the opportunity to make up missed work. Teachers shall assign such makeup work as necessary to ensure academic progress, not as a punitive measure.

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

48205 Absences for personal reasons

48913 Completion of work missed by suspended student

48980 Parental notifications

58700-58702 Tutoring and homework assistance program; summer school apportionment credit

*Management Resources:*

SBE POLICIES

Parent Involvement in the Education of Their Children, 1994

Policy Statement on Homework, 1995

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