

HOMEWORK

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The term “homework” as used in this policy refers to an assignment or activity to be prepared or completed, in whole or in part, outside of regular class time, and normally outside of the hours of the regular school day. Homework may include work that is intended to reinforce, extend, review, or apply curricular content; independent reading; long-term projects; in-class work that was not completed; and/or make-up work for a student who is absent from school. Homework should largely be used to help practice skills and apply knowledge developed in class.

The purpose and nature of homework assignments will vary substantially across the different grade levels and curriculum areas. Accordingly, the general expectations regarding homework are as follows:

1. Building principals and program administrators, with input and assistance from instructional staff, will establish and keep licensed staff informed of both general parameters and any specific expectations surrounding the homework that is assigned to students.
2. Each individual teacher’s homework expectations for students, as well as the teacher’s related class-specific practices and procedures, are subject to the ultimate oversight of the school’s principal.
3. Homework assignments will be:
 - a. developmentally appropriate;
 - b. meaningful (i.e., connected to the curriculum, based on a clear purpose and learning goal, and supported by appropriate feedback);
 - c. based on clearly-communicated expectations; and
 - d. realistic and equitable (i.e., the staff member has given due consideration to the time and resources that will be required for all students to meet the teacher’s expectations, including determining the extent to which any individualized modifications or accommodations may be appropriate).
4. If a student does not complete or submit homework due to an absence from school, the student shall be provided with an opportunity to complete the work or a suitable alternative assignment within a reasonable period of time.

Homework is not to be assigned as a disciplinary measure, however a student may be assigned to complete in-class work at home if they did not complete it in class.

Legal References:

Wisconsin Statutes

[Section 118.24\(2\)](#) and [\(3\)](#) [administrative duties]
[Section 120.13 \(intro\)](#) [broad powers of the school board]

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