

Homework

The term "homework" refers to an assignment to be prepared during a period of supervised study in class or outside of class or which requires individual work in the study hall, classroom or home.

The purposes of homework are to improve the learning processes, to aid in the mastery of skills, and to create and stimulate interest on the part of the pupil.

Homework is a learning activity, which should increase in complexity with the maturity of the pupil. With increased maturity, learning should become an independent activity. This should be established through consistent assignments, which encourage students to investigate for themselves and to work independently as well as with others.

Teachers should endeavor to make meaningful assignments. The purposes should always be clearly understood by both the teacher and the pupil.

In classes where homework is used as a learning activity, assignments should be consistent in terms of the amount given each day and the time required for each assignment so that a pattern of meaningful homework can be established by the teacher and/or the student.

The information for any homework assignment should be clear and specific so that the pupil can complete the assignment.

Homework assignments should take into consideration individual differences of pupils such as health, ability, conditions at home, and educational resources at home. Homework should not require the use of reference materials not readily available in most homes, school libraries, or the public library, and should require the use of those materials only when the pupil has had instruction in the use of them.

There are many other learning activities in the life of a student besides homework. Such things as participating in school activities, pursuing cultural interests, participating in family living, and exploring personal interests should be considered by teachers when planning consistent assignments.

Homework assignments should be within the limit of expected probability for accomplishment by the student. Homework is not to be used as a form of punishment under any circumstances.

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