

**HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK**

~~The Board of Education recognizes that homework contributes toward building responsibility, self discipline and life long learning habits, and that time spent on homework directly influences students' ability to meet the district's academic standards. The Board expects students, parents/guardians and staff to view homework as a routine and important part of students' daily lives.~~

The Governing Board recognizes that meaningful homework assignments can be a valuable extension of student learning time and assist students in developing good study habits. Homework shall be assigned when necessary to support classroom lessons, enable students to complete unfinished assignments, or review and apply academic content for better understanding.

~~The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that administrators and teachers develop and implement an effective homework plan at each school site. As needed, teachers may receive training in designing relevant, challenging and meaningful homework assignments that reinforce classroom learning objectives. Teachers' expectations related to homework may be addressed in their evaluations.~~

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with school administrators and teachers to develop and regularly review guidelines for the assignment of homework and the related responsibilities of students, staff, and parents/guardians.

Homework assignments shall be reasonable in length and appropriate to the grade level and course. The Board expects that the number, frequency, and degree of difficulty of homework assignments will increase with the grade level and the maturity of students. Teachers shall assign homework only as necessary to fulfill academic goals and reinforce current instruction.

As needed, teachers may receive training in designing relevant homework assignments that reinforce classroom learning objectives.

Although on-time completion of homework is important to maintain academic progress, the Board recognizes that students learn at different rates. Students shall receive credit for work that is completed late in order to encourage their continued learning.

Age-appropriate instruction may be given to help students allocate their time wisely, meet their deadlines, and develop good personal study habits.

At the beginning of the school year, teachers shall communicate homework expectations to students and their parents/guardians. Homework guidelines also shall be included in student and/or parent handbooks. These communications shall include the manner in which homework relates to achievement of academic standards and course content, the impact of homework assignments on students' grades, any school resources and programs that are available to provide homework support, and ways in which parents/guardians may appropriately assist their

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children.

~~Although it is the student's responsibility to do most homework assignments independently, the Board expects teachers at all grade levels to use parents/guardians as a contributing resource. When students repeatedly fail to do their homework, parents/guardians shall be notified and asked to contact the teacher.~~

Although it is the student's responsibility to undertake assignments independently, parents/guardians may serve as a resource and are encouraged to ensure that their child's homework assignments are completed. When a student repeatedly fails to complete his/her homework, the teacher shall notify the student's parents/guardians as soon as possible so that corrective action can be taken prior to the release of any final grades or report cards.

To further support students' homework efforts, the Superintendent or designee may establish and maintain telephone help lines, provide access to school library media centers and technological resources, and/or before-school and after-school centers programs where students can receive encouragement and clarification about homework assignments assistance from teachers, volunteers and/or more advanced students tutors ~~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.

Teachers shall review all completed homework to assess the student's understanding of academic content and shall provide timely feedback to the student.

### **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)

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

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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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)

*Legal Reference:*

*EDUCATION CODE 8420-8428 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens*

*8482-8484.65 After School Education and Safety Program*

*8484.7-8484.9 21st Century Community Learning Centers*

*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 CSBA PUBLICATIONS*

*Parent Involvement in the Education of Their Children, 1994*

*Policy Statement on Homework, 1995*

*Research-Supported Strategies to Improve the Accuracy and Fairness of Grades, Governance Brief,*

*July 2016*

*WEB SITES*

*CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>*

*California State PTA: <http://www.capta.org>*