

# La Canada USD

## Board Policy

### Homework

BP 6154

#### Instruction

~~Homework is meaningful and appropriate work related to district curricular objectives which requires time outside regular school hours. Homework is work which the student is able to do independently and is not under the immediate supervision of a certificated teacher.~~

~~It is the policy of the La Canada Unified School District to assign homework which is directly related to classroom instruction and provides an opportunity to either reinforce skills and knowledge taught in the classroom, or to independently and appropriately prepare for successive classroom activities. It is the view of the district that homework helps students take responsibility for their own learning, provides opportunity outside the classroom to develop constructive study habits, provides additional opportunity to reinforce basic skills and provides supplementary learning experiences.~~

The Governing Board believes that homework should be meaningful, developmentally appropriate, engaging, and relevant to classroom learning. The purpose of homework is to reinforce skills learned in class, prepare for upcoming projects or assessments, apply concepts to real life experiences and situations, and extend the classroom learning experience. 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. The Board promotes student wellness and academic rigor, and to these ends, values quality over quantity and recognizes the distinction between load and rigor. The Board supports the practice of not assigning homework during school breaks, school-observed holidays, and standardized testing time for grades 3-8.

Students should be able to complete homework independently and, as a result, further develop essential skills and gain deeper understanding of course content. At times, students may be given choice or options within homework to increase engagement and address various learning needs. Homework should align with practices and time allotments per grade level as identified in district guidelines and administrative regulations. Homework practices should be reviewed periodically by the teachers at each grade level or subject area to ensure alignment to academic standards and consistency of practices.

#### 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

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20  
7171-7176 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Management Resources:

~~SBE POLICIES~~

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

~~Policy Statement on Homework, 1995~~

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

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>

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