

NICASIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy

Series 6000: Instruction

BP 6154

HOMEWORK & MAKEUP WORK

Homework

The Governing Board believes that homework benefits students when it is assigned meaningfully, purposefully, and appropriately. Not only does such homework further the academic development of students, but it also nurtures student responsibility, self-discipline and life-long learning habits.

Understanding that one of its primary roles is to provide high quality learning experiences to students, the Board also values the benefits of extracurricular activities outside of school to the personal growth and well-being of its students. Time spent completing homework outside of school, therefore, should not be all-consuming. Homework plans should be carefully designed by certificated teachers to ensure that the focus of homework is meaningful, purposeful and appropriate. Homework should reinforce academic skills taught in school, encourage the development of creative and critical thinking, and model life-long learning habits.

The Board believes that homework is the responsibility of the student, regardless of the student's age or grade level. It is the student's job to develop regular study habits and to complete assignments independently as much as possible. It is the job of the parent/guardian to assist their children in developing a regular study schedule and to hold their children accountable for completing work independently. The Board encourages teachers at all grade levels to use the parent/guardian as a contributing resource and to structure homework assignments so as to involve the parent/guardian without diminishing the student's sense of responsibility. When assigning homework that involves interaction with parents/guardians, teachers should include instructions that show parents/guardians how they can best assist their children in such a way that the children are still responsible for the homework process and completion.

The Superintendent shall ensure that the school site develops an effective homework plan in accordance with Board policy (AR 6154). The principal and staff shall develop a school site homework plan that includes guidelines for assigning homework and describes the responsibilities of students, staff and parents/guardians. The plan shall inform parents/guardians as to how much time on homework will be expected from students and how homework relates to students' grades.

Makeup Work

Students shall be given the opportunity to make up schoolwork missed because of an excused absence or suspension and shall receive full credit if the work is turned in according to a reasonable makeup schedule.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

Teachers may require a suspended student to complete any assignments and tests missed during suspension. (Education Code 48913)

Students who miss school work because of unexcused absences may be given the opportunity to make up missed work for full or reduced credit. 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

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