Newport-Mesa USD
Board Policy
Homework/Makeup Work

BP 6154
Instruction

The Governing Board 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. Homework should be viewed as an indicator of student progress and should not be used as evidence of academic performance. The Board expects students, parents/guardians and staff to view homework as a meaningful part of students' daily lives. The district also acknowledges that time for homework should be balanced with time for family activities.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

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. Homework assignments should be differentiated depending upon the needs of each student. Teachers' expectations related to homework may be addressed in their evaluations.

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

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.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

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)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)
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

Management Resources:
SBE POLICIES
Parent Involvement in the Education of Their Children, 1994
Policy Statement on Homework, 1995

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