

# Homework Policy

1. For purposes of this policy statement, *homework* is defined as “supplementary school work specifically assigned by the teacher to be completed at home”.
2. Homework will not be assigned arbitrarily. It will be purposeful, and it will be an extension of regular class work.
3. When homework is assigned, it will be assessed.
4. Teachers will use the following time guidelines when assigning homework:  
  
Division One: no more than 20 minutes per night (5 nights per week). At this level, homework will ordinarily be reading or math practice, or work not completed in class.  
  
Division Two: no more than 30 minutes per night (5 nights per week), for grades 4 and 5 students – up to 40 minutes per night for grade 6 students. At this level, homework will ordinarily be work not completed during class time; or test preparation or project work.
5. Teachers will provide sufficient classroom time for students to complete assigned work so as to minimize homework expectations.
6. Teachers will establish and communicate due dates for assignments.
7. Teachers may expect all assignments to be handed in when they are due.
8. Incomplete work due to chronic absenteeism will be handled on an individual basis based on what is fair and reasonable for the student.
9. Parents who believe that their children are regularly receiving more homework than the policy allows are encouraged to inform the teacher so that changes can be made. If homework becomes a more serious problem, parents are asked to contact the administration.