

## **Instruction**

### **Homework**

The responsibility of the school district to educate the student is carried out by the teachers through effective classroom instruction and the careful delegation of independent study. It is important for the student to be taught the concepts related to the subject area and how to study in school before he/she is given work to do at home. A steady increase in the amount of homework is expected of students from the elementary grades through the senior high school.

Worthwhile homework benefits students. Homework should be an extension of the class lesson, be clearly understood by students, be well planned and meaningful, and be evaluated, corrected, and count for class credit.

Basically, there are three types of homework:

1. Practice of Skills

Practice provides students with the opportunity to reinforce and master specific skills presented in class and to review content.

2. Preparation For Future Classes

Prepares students for the next class meeting, and may include reading, library research, or other information-gathering activities.

3. Extension of Classwork

Extension focuses on individual application, research, and study; takes students beyond work covered in class.

Guidelines for time required for homework at each level (elementary, middle, high school) will take into consideration the needs of the students. Teachers shall assign homework according to administrative regulations.

The educational value of homework assignments depends, to a large extent, on the independent study skills that the youngster has acquired. Beyond the control of the school, but still very important, are the conditions provided in the home whereby the student is encouraged to work independently and to do the best possible job with the assignment at hand. A quiet, secluded spot and an encouraging attitude on the part of the parent will be major factors in the effectiveness with which a student undertakes the task of homework assignments.

### **Legal Reference:**

Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules, policies and procedures.