

# Sample Homework Policy

This letter explains the district's homework policy. Please read the policy with your child (or children) so that you understand the expectations of students and parents with regard to homework. We believe following these guidelines will help decrease tension associated with homework and increase your child's learning.

For your child to be successful with homework, she or he needs:

- **A place to do homework.** If possible, your child should do her homework in the same place – an uncluttered, quiet space to study.
- **A schedule for completing homework.** Set a homework schedule that fits in with each week's particular activities.
- **Encouragement, motivation, and prompting.** It is not a good idea to sit with your child and do homework with him. He needs to practice independently and to apply what he has learned in class. If your child consistently cannot complete homework assignments alone, please contact the teacher.
- **Understanding of the knowledge.** When your child is practicing a skill, ask her which steps she finds difficult and easy; ask how she plans to improve her speed and accuracy with the skill. If your child is working on a project, ask him what knowledge he is using to complete the work. If your child consistently cannot answer these questions, please contact the teacher.
- **Reasonable time expectations.** Although there might be exceptions, as a general rule, your child should do homework for approximately ten times her grade level in minutes (for example, a second grader would spend 20 minutes, a fifth grader 50 minutes).
- **A bedtime.** When it is time to go to bed, please stop your child, even if he has not finished the homework.

Please return the policy with the appropriate signatures, acknowledging that you have read and discussed the policy with your child.

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Parent's Signature

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Student's Signature