

HOMEWORK

Homework refers to a daily assignment to be prepared during a period of supervised study in class or outside of class or which requires individual work at home. The Hull School Committee regards homework as an integral part of the school program. Homework serves as an important link between the school program and the objectives of instruction.

Homework is viewed as an extension of the student's daily instructional program. As it is assigned the following educational goals should be considered:

- To positively and meaningfully review, reinforce and refine the skills and concepts that are taught through instruction
- To provide opportunities to pursue exploratory, applied, independent or enrichment studies related to the classroom curriculum
- To develop a positive attitude toward learning and connections to what is learned to life activities and goals

Homework assignments should be consistent in terms of the amount given each day and the time required for each assignment. The following are general guidelines of time allotment for homework and apply to assignments done at home not in school:

- Kindergarten: homework will be informal and given at the teacher's discretion. Daily reading of 20 minutes to or with the child is expected.
- Grade 1:
 - 10 minutes/day 4-5 nights/week
 - 5 minutes of practicing math facts
 - 10-20 minutes of reading a day
- Grade 2:
 - 20 minutes/day 4-5 nights/week
 - 5 minutes of practicing math facts
 - 15-20 minutes of reading a day
- Grade 3:
 - 30 minutes/day 4-5 nights/week
 - 5-10 minutes of practicing math facts
 - 20 minutes of reading a day
- Grades 4:
 - 40 minutes/day 4-5 nights/week
 - 5-10 minutes of practicing math facts
 - 20 minutes of reading a day
- Grade 5:
 - 50 minutes/day 4-5 nights/week
 - 5-10 minutes of practicing math facts
 - 20 minutes of reading a day
- Grade 6: 60-90 minutes/day 4-5 nights/week
- Grades 7-8: up to 2 hours/day 4-5 nights/week
- Grades 9-12 2-3 hours/day 4-5 nights/week

All information for homework assignments should be clear and specific so that students understand what is to be accomplished and parents/guardians can assist the student. Homework assignments will be posted on teacher websites. Students will write down assignments as appropriate allowing parents/guardians access to the information. Every effort will be taken to

consider individual differences of students. Homework should never be used as a punishment. If daily homework is counted into a final grade average, it should count as no more than 25% of that average. Long- term projects will be graded according to guidelines established prior to the beginning of the project. Students are expected to complete and submit homework on time. If extenuating circumstances exist, students should be afforded opportunities to make up homework following the process in the school handbook.

Students, teachers, and parents/guardians are encouraged to work together to make the homework experience meaningful, productive and positive.

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