DELAWARE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION:PROGRAMSTITLE:HOMEWORKADOPTED:NOVEMBER 19, 2015REVIEWED:OCTOBER 22, 2015

	130. HOMEWORK		
1. Purpose	The Delaware Valley School District supports the role of homework as a pivotal factor in the educational process. This homework policy is intended to guide good educational practice but not to hamper the creativity and flexibility of individual teachers. Homework can motivate students and promote learning. Homework can increase academic learning time, provide practice for classroom learning, develop independence, initiative and responsibility. Homework is neither punishment nor busy-work; and it should not be assigned for disciplinary reasons.		
	Parents/Guardians play an integral role in assisting student learning. Teachers should inform parents/guardians of the expectations for students in each subject at each grade level. They should also provide information regarding how parents/guardians can foster learning at home, give appropriate assistance, monitor homework, and give feedback to teachers. Ideally, teachers will regularly assign interactive homework that will require students to discuss and interact with their parents/guardians about what they are learning in class.		
	Utilization of the district provided agenda book for homework assignments is provided for interactive school-to-home communication.		
	Homework encourages and measures the development of self-discipline and associated good work habits. By focusing on students' abilities to concentrate, to follow rules, to control implulses, to face and overcome stress, and to resist distractions, homework can nurture self-discipline, which in turn will improve academic skills and knowledge.		
2. Guidelines	Homework should not interfere with the proper development of the student's health, nor should it interfere with the student's assuming responsibilities in the home. Teachers may, at their discretion, vary the length of homework assignments depending upon the nature of the topic being studied. Homework will be assigned appropriate to a student's Individual Educational Program (IEP). Teacher email, web pages and/or similar digital media tools may be utilized as avenues to disseminate homework. In addition, students should make daily contact with the Homework Hotline.		

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Title 22	Each student shall be responsible for completing ho	mework assignments as directed.	
Sec. 12.2			
	Elementary (Grades K-5) and (Grades K-6)		
	Homework time on a given day should not exceed a half an hour in primary grades, and one (1) hour in upper grades. The following times are given as guides, some students may require a little more, some a little less:		
	10 minutes - Kindergarten 10 minutes - Grade 1 20 minutes - Grade 2	30 minutes - Grade 3 40 minutes - Grade 4 50 minutes - Grade 5	
	In addition to homework, every child is expected to read thirty (30) minutes at home each night.		
	Summer reading lists will be provided at each grade district website. The student's first quarter grade w the reading and follow-up assignments. This enhance points on the student's first quarter grade average.	ill be enhanced by completion of	
	Middle School (Grades 6-8)		
	Homework time should be one (1) hour to one (1) h night. This may vary slightly day to day since stude Homework is for promotion and reinforcement of s	ents have multiple teachers.	
	Homework will be assigned in all core subjects. In will also have the responsibility to study for quizzes assignments and complete research projects. These day, week-to-week, etc., and probably will require to should be encouraged to utilize weekends, half days evenings to help them complete their responsibilities	s, tests, complete reading timelines will vary from day to more homework time. Students s, snow days, vacations and	
	Summer reading lists will be provided at each grade district website. The student's first quarter grade w the reading and follow-up assignments. This enhance points on the student's first quarter grade average.	ill be enhanced by completion of	
	High School (Grades 9-12)		
	Homework time should be one (1) hour thirty (30) night. This may vary slightly day to day since stude Homework is for promotion and reinforcement of s	ents have multiple teachers.	

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