

HOMEWORK

The M.S.A.D. #49 school board believes that education is a lifelong process which extends beyond the school. It is important that students recognize that learning occurs in the home and community, as well as in the school. Homework is one means of teaching the necessary skills of independent study and learning outside the school. The primary purpose of homework is to supplement and reinforce learning in the classroom. A broad definition of homework is considered here to include not only written work, but also related activities, such as viewing specific programs, news reporting, recreational reading and other activities.

Homework assignments are not to be given as busy work or for disciplinary reasons and should consider the individual student's needs, ability, home situation, and the availability of resources in the home environment.

The quantity of homework should be reasonable. Assignments should be planned and coordinated so that teachers in several areas avoid excessive amounts of homework given to the student at any one time.

Reasons for Homework:

- A. To increase learning time
- B. To establish independent study skills
- C. To complete work started in class
- D. To expand and/or enrich regular class work
- E. To build interest in reading and learning
- F. To make up work missed due to absence
- G. To encourage parents' awareness of student learning
- H. To provide an opportunity to pursue special interest or ability areas

Homework should:

- be the independent practice of an effectively taught skill
- be given with a purpose that is understood by both teacher and student with special objectives
- be within the student's capability
- be planned to include a wide variety of activities in all areas of the curriculum

Students should have readily available to them all books and materials required to complete the assigned work.

All homework shall involve some type of follow-up and evaluation.

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