

HOMEWORK

The Caldwell County Board of Education believes that daily homework is valuable and important. Effective homework reinforces and supplements classroom lessons and encourages the responsibility and self-discipline students need to become independent learners. Appropriate assignments include pre-reading of instructional materials, practice of previously learned skills, and the completion of class work. Homework should be clearly explained so that students understand exactly what is to be done, how, and why. It is not appropriate to make homework assignments that require students to acquire new concepts and skills since they need teacher instruction for these activities.

The Board establishes the following general guidelines for assigning homework:

- Homework must be meaningful and directly related to class work.
- Homework must be suited to the needs and abilities of the individual student.
- The magnitude of the assignment and expected time required for completion must be reasonable. There are many other learning activities in the life of a student besides homework. Such things as participating in school activities, pursuing cultural interests, participating in family life, and exploring personal interests should be considered by teachers when planning homework assignments.
- Homework is an instructional tool and is not to be used as a form of punishment under any circumstances.
- As with any other school assignments, the make-up of missed homework is the responsibility of the student. The teacher will make sure the student knows about the missing work and provide ample opportunity for its completion.

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