

SUGAR VALLEY RURAL CHARTER SCHOOL

POLICY NUMBER: 130
SECTION: PROGRAMS
TITLE: **HOMEWORK**
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HOMEWORK

PURPOSE

Homework assignments should complement classroom instruction. Assignments should develop student responsibility, good study habits and organizational skills. The purpose of homework assignments should be to:

1. Reinforce learning through the practice, application, integration, and/or extension of knowledge and skills.
2. Develop study skills, work habits, and a sense of personal responsibility so that the student may become an independent learner.
3. Stimulate originality and creativity.
4. Enrich school experiences and encourage carry-over leisure and career centered interests.

GUIDELINES

Homework should not interfere with the proper development of the student's health, nor should it interfere with the student assuming responsibilities in the home.

Homework should not:

1. Be used as punishment, include unnecessary drill, or be busy work.
2. Require that the student has special skills not learned previously.
3. Create tension, frustration, and anxiety.
4. Presume availability of home facilities, crayons, paper, dictionary, thesaurus, maps, encyclopedia, study area, parental aid or supervision.

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

Student Responsibilities:

1. Budget time to complete assignments.
2. Arrange to make up missed assignments.

3. Ask for further explanation if original directions are not completely understood.
4. Develop a personal system for remembering and/or recording assignments.
5. Initiate the request for help when needed.
6. Be familiar with the philosophy and guidelines of the school and the specific policies of the unit or department.

Parent Responsibilities:

1. Be familiar with the school's philosophy and guidelines.
2. Provide feedback to the school regarding homework issues.
3. Encourage and motivate the student to fulfill his/her responsibilities as outlined above.
4. Provide the work atmosphere conducive to and time necessary for completion of assignments.

Teacher Responsibilities:

1. Homework is an instructional tool and should be utilized for that purpose. It should enhance the student's understanding NOT given as punishment.
2. The extremes of no homework or so much homework that the student has little free time are to be avoided.
3. Homework assigned must be reviewed and evaluated by the teacher.
4. Assignments should be clear and understood by students. Occasionally opportunity should be given to begin homework assignments in class to aid successful completion.