

Homework

Homework guidelines

Time guidelines (length of homework) for teachers in the assignment of homework are as follows:

1. *Kindergarten 10 minutes per day (maximum of 4 times/week)
2. *Grades 1-2 15 minutes per day (maximum of 4 times/week)
3. Grades 3-4 30 minutes per day (maximum of 4 times/week)
4. Grades 5-6 30 minutes per day (maximum of 4 times/week/course)
5. Grades 7-12 30 minutes per day (maximum of 4 times/week/course)

Basic principles to consider with regard to homework

1. Students should be taught how to study before they are expected to work independently.
2. The purpose of the homework assignment and its relation to what has been learned in the classroom must be clearly understood by the students.
3. Every homework assignment should have a valid purpose and should be reviewed and evaluated. Feedback to students regarding homework is essential.
4. Homework conditions and the material/human resources available should influence the quantity and type of homework assigned.
5. Teachers should take into consideration the age, school experiences and mental abilities of the students before making homework assignments. When possible, homework assignments should be individualized.
6. The instructions for homework assignments should be clear and specific so that the student can complete the assignment.
7. Students should not be expected to have homework five days a week and homework should normally not be assigned over holidays or when public schools are closed.
8. Middle school and high school teachers should attempt to coordinate homework assignments so as not to overload students on one given day.

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