

**Policy**

**HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK**

The Passaic Board of Education believes that homework relevant to material presented in class provides an opportunity to broaden, deepen or reinforce the student's knowledge. Teachers must use discretion in deciding the number and length of assignments. Homework, when assigned, should clearly support and extend student learning that occurs in the classroom.

Teachers shall assign homework according to the following guidelines:

- A. Homework should be a properly planned part of the curriculum, extending and reinforcing achievement of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.
- B. Homework should help students learn by providing practice in the mastery of skills, experience in data gathering and integration of knowledge, and an opportunity to remediate learning problems;
- C. Homework should help develop the student's personal responsibility for the course content and provide an opportunity for the exercise of independent work and judgment;
- D. The number, frequency, and degree of difficulty of homework assignments should be based on the ability and needs of the student and take into account other activities that make a legitimate claim on the student's time;
- E. Homework should contain clear instructions and due dates;
- F. Completed homework should be carefully evaluated and that evaluation should be reported to the student in a timely fashion;
- G. Parents/guardians should be provided guidance in ways to assist the school in helping a student carry out assigned responsibilities;
- H. Homework should always serve a valid learning purpose; it should never be used as a punitive measure.

In accordance with the Grading and Reporting policy and the Attendance, Absences, and Excuses policy, students shall be permitted to make up work, including homework, missed during an absence. Students may receive full credit for classwork made up after excused absences or absences due to a suspension from school.

HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK (continued)

1. A student shall be given, at minimum, two days for every day(s) he/she was absent to make up missed assignments including tests and homework.
2. Teachers are not required to provide assignments, including homework, prior to an excused absence, unless requested by the parent/guardian in writing.
3. Students should not be required, on the day of return to school to take a summative assessment that was announced during the student's absence.

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**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties  
N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14 Religious holidays; absence of students on; effect  
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)  
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-10.1 et seq. Summer School Sessions

**Possible**

**Cross References:** 1320 Participation in out of school community activities  
 \*1322 Contests for students  
 \*5020 Role of parents/guardians  
 \*5113 Attendance, absences and excuses  
 \*5124 Reporting to parents/guardians  
 \*6145 Extracurricular activities  
 \*6147.1 Grading and reporting  
 \*6153 Field trips  
 6174 Summer school

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.