

TEXAS STATE P-10 SCHOOL



Homework Policy

State school policies

Schools are required to develop a school homework policy in consultation with the school community (specified in the *P-12 curriculum, assessment and reporting framework*).

The school homework policy is:

- developed in consultation with the school community
- disseminated to the school community
- reviewed in consultation with the school community
- informed by the *Parent and community engagement framework*.

It is important to monitor implementation of the school homework policy to ensure:

- consistent and effective implementation occurs throughout the school – including a consistent approach to the amount of time students are to spend in completing homework (at particular year levels and in particular learning areas)
- the amount of homework is balanced across all learning areas to allow sufficient time for family, recreation, and community and cultural activities
- students are not disadvantaged by the lack of access to resources such as computers and the internet outside school
- homework is effective in supporting learning

Homework is most effective when it:

- is clearly related to class work
- is appropriate to particular years of schooling
- is varied and differentiated to individual learning needs
- consolidates, revises and/or applies students' classroom learning
- develops students' independence as a learner through extension activities such as investigating, researching, writing, designing, making
- assists students to prepare for upcoming classroom learning, such as collecting relevant materials and information, completing surveys and audits
- is monitored by the teacher

Homework not only helps students consolidate their classroom learning, it lays strong foundations for lifelong learning and encourages family members to become involved in student life.

During the early years of schooling all activities at home or in play can assist children to develop literacy, numeracy and problem-solving skills.

What do you expect from your class?

Primary:

Homework may include:

- Sight words
- Reading /reading activity
- Spelling / spelling activity
- Mathematics and English activities related to what students are learning in class
- Research

High School:

- Daily – 30 minutes - spelling, reading, consolidation of class work
- Sporadic – completion of assignment work

Where is this homework completed?

Homework is completed at home in their homework books. If students are unable to complete their homework at home, they are given an opportunity to complete it before school with the teacher's assistance.

Frequency, marking and feedback

- P-6 student receive homework four (4) times a week
- Homework collected daily or at a minimum collected, marked, signed and dated at the end of each week
- Students encouraged to seek teacher assistance on difficult tasks and are given feedback in a timely manner

Consequences of not completing homework

- Catch up before school with teacher assistance
- Complete in the library or the classroom in the lunch break

When is homework due?

- All homework must be completed by Friday – Primary
- By the next lesson or as directed by the subject teacher - Secondary