

BONITA UNIFIED
School District

Educational Services

HOMEWORK

Philosophy

The Bonita Unified School District believes that homework should be an integral part of the total instructional program. Homework extends learning opportunities beyond the confines of the school day. We recognize that homework contributes toward building responsibility, self-discipline and life long learning habits, and that time spent on homework directly influences the student's ability to meet the District's academic standards. Homework needs to be grade and level appropriate to benefit the student.

Purposes

- a. To develop good study skills and habits.
- b. To provide meaningful learning activities.
- c. To reinforce classroom instruction and student learning.
- d. To prepare and review for exams, to prepare for future lessons, and to work on special projects.
- e. To develop mastery/proficiency of developing skills.
- f. To extend learning through enrichment/extension activities.
- g. To foster independent learning.
- h. To provide the teacher information on student progress.

Administrators and teachers shall implement and clearly articulate this District homework policy at each school site. Teachers may receive guidelines in designing relevant, challenging, and meaningful homework assignments that reinforce classroom learning objectives.

Although it is the student's responsibility to do most homework assignments independently, the Board expects teachers at all grade levels to use parents/guardians as a supportive resource. When students repeatedly fail to do their homework, parents/guardians shall be notified and asked to contact the teacher.

Parents should know the homework their children are responsible for completing, and can facilitate the homework process, but they should allow their children to practice independently.

Makeup Work

Students who miss schoolwork because of an excused absence or a school suspension, shall be given the opportunity to complete all assignments and tests that can be reasonably provided. As

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determined by the teacher, the assignments and tests shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the assignments and tests missed during the absence. Students shall receive full credit for work satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time.
(Education Code: 48205)

Students who miss schoolwork because of unexcused absences may be given the opportunity to make up missed work for full or reduced credit. As determined by the teacher, the assignments and tests shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the assignments and tests missed during the absence. If homework is necessary to support academic progress, the teacher shall assign such makeup work.

In the case of truancy, homework and credit is given at the discretion of the teacher.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48205 Absences for personal reasons
48913 Completion of work missed by a suspended student
48980 Parental Notification
58700-58702 Tutoring and homework assistance program; summer school apportionment credit

BOARD POLICY

6010 Instructional Objectives
4117 Evaluation/Supervision
6000 Concepts and Roles in Instruction
5135 Absences and Excuses