

MEDWAY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

HOMework POLICY

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The purposes of homework are to reinforce what is taught in class, to promote new learning and to apply independently what was explained in class.

Its chief advantages are an opportunity for self-discipline, the development of specific skills, the acquiring of a responsible attitude, the opportunity to be stimulated and challenged scholastically, and to increase understanding by the student.

Teachers should stress the value of homework, emphasize its importance, and use these assignments to increase course expectations, achieve goals, and promote student responsibility.

The role of homework in preparing students for post-secondary education is extremely important because it is the chief means of developing and improving good study habits needed when high school graduates are in a less structured environment.

If a student knows that he/she will be absent in advance, he/she should ask for the assignments from the teacher and pass them in on returning to school. This applies to absences due to sports' events, medical appointments, extended vacations, all types of excused absences, etc. Refer to Student Handbook: "Excused Absences": "When students are excused from school to take part in any activity, all class work is due prior to dismissal, and the student must secure all assignments for the next day." After a student has been absent due to an unforeseen illness, the assignments should be passed in as soon as possible and reasonable upon returning to school.

Each teacher has the responsibility to implement the school's homework policy in his/her courses. The teacher should use professional discretion in applying and adjusting this policy to meet the individual needs of students and courses. Let the spirit of this policy be the guiding principle so that all students will benefit educationally.

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