



Lake Tahoe Unified School District



K-12 Homework Guidelines

The Board of Education recognizes that homework contributes toward building responsibility, self-discipline and life-long learning habits, and that time spent on homework directly influences students' ability to meet the district's academic standards. The Board expects students, parents/guardians and staff to view homework as a routine and important part of students' daily lives.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that administrators and teachers develop and implement an effective homework plan at each school site. As needed, teachers may receive training in designing relevant, challenging and meaningful homework assignments that reinforce classroom learning objectives. Teachers' expectations related to homework may be addressed in their evaluations.

School-Site Homework Plan

Each school site should review a homework plan which includes guidelines for the amount of time that students should be expected to spend on homework. In order to establish lifelong learning habits, the District is introducing a K-12 Homework Guide that will assist parents and guardians regarding homework expectations.

Minimum Homework Requirements Per Grade

Elementary School

Kindergarten	.....	Parent Assist 10 minutes
First Grade	.....	10 minutes with outside reading of 20 minutes
Second Grade	.....	20 minutes with outside reading of 30 minutes
third Grade	.....	30 minutes with outside reading of 30 minutes
Fourth Grade	.....	40 minutes with outside reading of 30 minutes
Fifth Grade	.....	50 minutes with outside reading of 30 minutes

Middle School

Sixth Grade	.....	60 minutes with outside reading of 30 minutes
Seventh Grade	.....	90 minutes with outside reading of 30 minutes
Eighth Grade	90 minutes with outside reading of 30 minutes

High School

Ninth - Twelfth Grade	2 hours plus outside reading
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The teachers shall try to coordinate special project assignments so that students do not receive an over load of homework and projects due at the same time. Each grade level will continue to emphasize independent research, reports, special reading and problem-solving activities through the use of technology.

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Homework grade weight will not exceed 20% for any academic course or subject.

Makeup Work

The school site shall notify parents/guardians that no student may have his/her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any excused absence when missed assignments and tests are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. Such notification shall include the full text of Education Code 48205.

The teacher of any class from which a student is suspended may require the student to complete any assignments and tests missed during the suspension.

Board Policy 6154 and Administrative Regulations 6154 (May 13, 2003)