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High School



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OCSD Homework Philosophy

The Oswego City School District views the completion of assignments outside the classroom as an integral part of the educational process for all students. Homework promotes personal responsibility, encourages positive work habits, and affords students the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills while they complete work independently. In addition, homework also communicates the school curriculum to parents and helps them to monitor the progress of their children. Homework given as practice should not be graded as a test or quiz.

The Purpose of Homework

Homework is one of the many learning activities in which students engage; its purpose should be to:

- **Extend** learning and/or provide practice in applying concepts initially presented in the classroom.
- **Practice** opportunities for independent and guided work (depending on grade level and task.)
- **Strengthen** concept and skill development to be applied in the classroom.
- **Develop** initiative, responsibility, self-direction and organizational skills.

Time Allotments

- The recommended amount of time varies according to the type and number of subjects a student is taking.
- In general, college-bound subjects receive lengthier and more involved homework than students preparing to enter the workforce immediately after graduation.
- Discretion should be used when assigning homework over extended holidays and weekends when special school events are planned i.e. prom weekend.

Student Responsibilities

- It is the student's responsibility to be aware of assignments and to seek further explanation if needed.
- Students are responsible for having the books, papers, and materials necessary to complete the homework assignment.
- The student will organize his/her time to work on assignments with parental support as needed.
- The student will turn in assignments on time. The work will reflect his/her best effort.
- Students should communicate with the classroom teacher regarding homework assignments missed due to absence.

Teacher Responsibilities

- Teacher will communicate the purpose and expectations of homework to students in class and parents at the Fall Open House.
- Homework will grow from classroom tasks and projects or will focus on skill/strategy reinforcement.
- Assignments will be given after being clearly explained in class.
- Due dates will be given for all assignments.
- Specific projects/assignments may be designated by the teacher as assessments and will be included in the academic grade.
- Teachers will communicate to parents about missing or incomplete assignments as needed.
- Homework will be checked for quality and completion.
- The teacher will provide procedures for students to complete missed assignments.

Parent Responsibilities

- Provide a quiet study area.
- Provide a designated time for homework.
- Provide necessary materials.
- Encourage the children to complete homework on their own as much as possible.
- Monitor your child's work for understanding.
- Communicate individual student needs with the teacher.

