

Instruction

Purpose of Homework

No hard and fast rules concerning homework can be made. Some generally accepted principles should govern the teacher in the assignment of homework.

1. There should be flexibility and differences in the assignment to individual students. These should stem from real needs and the consideration of the total education background of the individual student.
2. Homework should serve a definite purpose, to provide drill or practice on a principle or skill already taught; to provide real-life application of the matter in hand; to develop appreciation for or knowledge of community resources; or to develop the personal culture of the student.
3. Homework should be used as a technique for learning, not as "busy work."
4. Homework should not be ordinarily assigned as punishment.
5. Homework should not be used to replace or reduce supervised study, which should take place during school hours. This type of study usually achieves better results than homework.
6. Homework is more effective if a conference with the parent results in understanding of purpose and ways in which help at home can best be offered.
7. There should be a cooperative effort on the part of teachers to coordinate homework assignments so students are not overburdened with excessive quantities of homework.
8. Each teacher should teach students what to study and how to study.
9. Homework should be checked by the teacher and mistakes of students indicated for correction with individual comments wherever indicated or possible.

