

## HOMework POLICY

The Sunapee School District recognizes the need for homework as an integral part of learning. Homework reinforces and complements classroom instruction. Homework provides students with an opportunity to be responsible, to review, practice, and prepare individually for school.

Homework refers to an assignment to be prepared during a period of supervised study in class or outside of class. It may also refer to an assignment requiring individual work at school or at home.

Homework is a learning activity which should increase in complexity with the maturity of the student. With increased maturity, learning should become an independent activity. This should be established through consistent assignments which encourage students to investigate for themselves and to work independently as well as with others.

Teachers shall give meaningful assignments. The instruction shall be clear and specific so that the student can complete the assignment. Teachers shall provide timely and meaningful follow-up.

If homework is to be used by teachers as part of a student's grade, the teacher will explain to students how such homework assignments relate to the teacher's grading system.

Students shall listen carefully and follow the directions provided by the teacher. All assignments shall be completed on time.

Parents should be positive and provide encouragement. Younger students may need help in understanding directions. Parents should feel free to contact the teacher about any concerns or problems regarding homework.

There are many other learning activities in the life of a student besides homework. Such things as participating in school activities, pursuing hobbies and interests, and participating in family living may be considered when planning homework assignments. Homework is not to be used as a form of punishment under any circumstances.

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