

# LITTLESTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: HOMEWORK

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130. HOMEWORK	
1. Purpose	<p>Homework shall be considered to be a necessary part of a student's learning experience and a fundamental method for the improvement of a student's academic achievement. The purpose of homework is to complement, to enrich, and to reinforce classroom concepts. Homework assignments will provide experience in independent thinking while extending the time available for learning. Well-planned assignments with a valid educational objective will be designed: to develop thinking and study skills, to promote student responsibility, to reinforce and expand previously learned concepts, and to meet individual student educational needs. Homework also serves to enlighten parents regarding individual course content and requirements while involving parents in a close working relationship with their child's (children's) educational programs.</p> <p>The Littlestown Area School District encourages homework requirements which utilize the creativity and flexibility of both students and teachers.</p>
2. Authority	<p>The Board authorizes the administration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To develop building guidelines for homework.</li> <li>2. To communicate homework guidelines to teachers, parents and students.</li> <li>3. To support practices and procedures developed.</li> <li>4. To maintain knowledge of individual teacher homework requirements.</li> <li>5. To evaluate and to consistently implement homework guidelines.</li> </ol> <p>The administration authorizes to each teacher the primary responsibility of assigning, monitoring and evaluating student homework assignments.</p>
3. Definitions	<p><b>Homework</b> is work to do done by students outside the classroom and includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Daily study and review.</li> </ol>

<p>4. Responsibility</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Reading.</li><li>3. Practice activities such as: Math problems. Spelling words. Vocabulary. Etc.</li><li>4. Writing activities such as: Compositions. Term Papers. Book Reports. Etc.</li><li>5. Projects, both short and long term.</li></ol> <p><u>Administrative Responsibilities</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Communicate the purpose of homework guidelines to teachers, parents and students.</li><li>2. Be aware of individual teacher homework practices.</li><li>3. Periodically evaluate the consistent implementation of homework guidelines.</li><li>4. Support the practices and procedures adopted.</li></ol> <p><u>Teachers' Responsibilities</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Help students to develop organizational skills through use of homework assignment books, logs, journals, etc.</li><li>2. Communicate homework expectations and progress to parents and students.</li><li>3. Adapt assignments to students' special needs.</li><li>4. Respond to homework assignments in verbal or written form.</li><li>5. Confer with other teachers about homework load.</li></ol> <p><u>Parents' Responsibilities</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Know classroom teachers' expectations regarding homework.</li></ol>
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2. Provide time and a well-supplied place for students to do homework in consideration of the student's learning style.
3. Encourage and motivate student to fulfill homework responsibilities independently, yet be available to be consulted.
4. Encourage development and consistent use of a system for recording assignments (such as assignment book).
5. Provide feedback to the school regarding problems related to homework assignments.

Students' Responsibilities

1. Know what the assignments are and teacher expectations for successful completion.
2. Maintain a personal record of their assignments.
3. Seek help if assignments are not clearly understood.
4. Alert parents regarding problems of homework completion.
5. Budget adequate time for study.
6. Find out and complete any assignments missed when absent from class.
7. Complete all assignment requirements.
8. Present your best work.