

Attleboro Public Schools
Attleboro, Massachusetts

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HOMEWORK POLICY

The Attleboro Public Schools believe that homework is an important and useful component to ensure student learning. Purposeful homework extends and adds value to school-based learning. In addition to supporting classroom instruction, homework promotes student independence and helps develop effective study habits in setting priorities, managing time, and meeting short and long-term goals.

The purpose of homework is to:

- Build independence and responsibility
- Develop lifelong learning skills

Homework should complement, supplement and reinforce classroom instruction.

Areas for appropriate homework focus may include, but are not limited to:

- Skill and work habit development
- Remediation
- Skill reinforcement
- Enrichment
- Research
- Make-up work

Homework should be given in consideration of the needs of the individual students. This is separate from class assignments deemed appropriate for the enhancement of the learning process for all students in the class. 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 is established through assignments which should encourage students to investigate, work independently, and/or work with others.

The Student's Role

- Take responsibility for his or her individual learning
- Compete and submit assignments on time
- Plan the completion of tasks for long-term projects

The Teacher's Role

- Give clear information as to the purpose of the homework assignment(s) and outcomes
- Choose or design assignments which closely align to student needs, course objectives, and the state standards
- Provide timely and appropriate feedback to the student.

*The Parent's Role

- Create an environment that promotes good study habits
- Provide encouragement and support to complete homework.

**Parents are encouraged to speak to their child's teacher if homework is taking an inordinate amount of time or if s/he needs to do more than oversee their child's homework*

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