

Policy

STUDY SKILLS/HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK

Homework

The Mount Laurel Township School District Board of Education believes that homework relevant to material presented in class provides an opportunity to broaden, deepen or reinforce the pupil's knowledge. Teachers must use discretion in deciding the number and length of assignments. The board encourages the use of interrelated major homework assignments such as term papers, themes and creative art projects.

Homework shall not be used for punitive reasons.

Pupils absent for any reason must make up assignments, classwork and tests within a reasonable length of time. In most cases, a reasonable length of time shall be the same number of school days as the days missed.

Pupils being excused for any reason must make arrangements with the teacher of the missed classes in order to make up the work missed. This must be done before the absence from class.

Study Skills and Work Habits

The board believes that the development of study skills and effective work habits are essential for achievement of the Common Core State Standards and the Core Curriculum Content Standards. Effective study skills and work habits also facilitate the discipline required to be a life-long learner. The chief school administrator shall develop, in consultation with appropriate teaching staff members, a plan for the sequential introduction of training in the development of study skills and the formation of productive work habits. Such training shall be integrated with the curriculum and shall be reinforced at each successive grade level.

Teaching staff members at all grade levels will be trained to help pupils develop appropriate learning techniques. Every reasonable effort should be made to convey to parents the importance of their cooperation in helping pupils develop the skills and habits essential to learning.

Incompletes

When a pupil does not complete work missed for absence or other reasons, he/she will receive an "incomplete" for the marking period. The classroom teacher shall determine the number of days a pupil will be given following the end of the marking period to make up the missed work.

If work critical to the pupil's understanding of the subject is not made up by the end of the next marking period, the grade for that subject area may be an "F."

If work is missing during the final marking period of the school year, the grade will be left to the discretion of the teacher. The teacher who has given an incomplete is responsible for reporting to the pupil the work he/she has missed and citing the consequences mentioned above.

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Key Words

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14 Religious holidays; absence of pupils on; effect
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-10.1 et seq. Summer School Sessions

Possible

Cross References: 1320 Participation in out of school community activities
*1322 Contests for pupils
*5020 Role of parents/guardians
*5113 Attendance, absences and excuses
*5124 Reporting to parents/guardians
*6145 Extracurricular activities
*6153 Field trips
6174 Summer school

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.