

# BETHEL PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: HOMEWORK

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	<p style="text-align: center;">130. HOMEWORK</p> <p>1. Purpose</p> <p>Homework assignments should complement classroom instruction. Assignments should develop student responsibility, good study habits and organizational skills.</p> <p>The purpose of homework assignments should be to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Provide practice and reinforcement of skills presented by the teacher.</li><li>2. Broaden areas of interest through enrichment.</li><li>3. Provide opportunities for parents/guardians to know what their child is studying.</li><li>4. Encourage parent/guardian and child interaction.</li></ol> <p>2. Guidelines</p> <p>Homework shall be planned and evaluated with respect to its purpose, appropriateness, and completion time. The demand of homework upon the students' time shall be consistent with the best interests of the students in regards to other valuable experiences to be gained outside of school.</p> <p>Homework will not be assigned as a form of punishment.</p> <p>The following guidelines shall govern the assignment of homework:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The amount of homework assigned shall be determined by curricular needs and should be appropriate to the developmental/grade level of the students.</li><li>2. Homework shall not be given or increased for disciplinary purposes. It should never be construed as busy work but should be constructive and, when completed, checked and returned to the student in a timely manner.</li><li>3. Homework shall be carefully planned to meet the needs of all students.</li><li>4. Homework shall be assigned only when it has a purpose; it should supplement, extend, and enrich the school program.</li></ol>
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<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>5. Homework shall be geared to provide the student an opportunity to develop proper independent study habits.</p> <p>6. Ample class time shall be devoted to introducing and discussing a homework assignment.</p> <p>7. Homework which might be heavy in terms of content and/or lengthy in terms of required time shall be given well in advance of the due date so that students also will have time to complete assignments given by other instructors.</p> <p>8. Homework shall not require the use of books or materials unavailable to Bethel Park students.</p> <p>9. District students are expected to spend the following amounts of time during each day of the school year doing homework. If homework is not assigned for the amount of time indicated as follows, the district suggests that parents/guardians encourage their children to spend the remaining time doing independent reading.</p> <table data-bbox="565 947 1008 1266"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Minimum</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Grade 1</td> <td>15 Minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grade 2</td> <td>15 Minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grade 3</td> <td>20 Minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grade 4</td> <td>30 Minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grade 5</td> <td>30 Minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grades 6-8</td> <td>45 Minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grades 9-12</td> <td>60 Minutes</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Administrators are responsible for developing a homework coordination plan for each grade level and building in accordance with this policy.</p> <p>Administrators are directed to keep teachers, students and parents/guardians informed about this policy on homework.</p>		<u>Minimum</u>	Grade 1	15 Minutes	Grade 2	15 Minutes	Grade 3	20 Minutes	Grade 4	30 Minutes	Grade 5	30 Minutes	Grades 6-8	45 Minutes	Grades 9-12	60 Minutes
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