

**HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK****Homework**

Homework is defined as school-related assignments by a teacher, or through mutual agreement of the student and teacher, which will require time and effort outside of the regular classroom for successful completion.

The Board of Trustees considers homework to be an important part of the instructional program, because when it is properly implemented students will:

1. Develop regular study habits and the self-discipline basic to effective study and the study and the ability to work independently.
2. Gain more information than would be possible in the classroom situation alone.
3. Have more opportunity to develop a personalized, creative approach to projects and other school work.
4. Learn to budget their time more effectively.
5. Come into contact with out-of-school learning resources.

The Board hereby directs the Superintendent and staff to develop an effective homework program for all students in all grades, including guidelines for assignments of homework, instruction in the techniques and methods for doing homework, duties of students and staff in regard to homework, informing parents/guardians about their responsibilities as parents/guardians in this area, and the relation of homework to grades and evaluations of each student.

**Make-up Work**

The Board directs that, as a general rule, students shall be given the opportunity to make up school work missed because of an excused absence and to revive full credit if the work is turned in according to a reasonable make-up schedule. Students who miss school work because of unexcused absences shall be given the opportunity to make up missed work for full or reduced credit at the option of the teacher.

If the student's absence was due to suspension, the teacher may require the suspended student to complete any assignments and tests missed during the suspension. (Education Code 48913)

Students who miss school work because of truancy or other deliberate actions should not expect to receive credit for the time missed, nor should they expect to take any missed examinations for credit, but the final decision should rest with the teacher, who may make allowances for mitigating circumstances.

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**Weekend Classes**

The Board authorizes the establishment and operation of weekend study classes for students in order that they may make up lost instructional time due to truancy or unexcused absences occurring during the week.

Assignment and attendance at such classes shall be with the consent of the student's parent/guardian. If the student is over 18 years of age parental consent is waived. No student shall be assigned to any weekend class if it is in conflict with his/her religious beliefs.

The principal may require that truants attend weekend make-up classes.

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for approving weekend classes and annually conducting an evaluation of their effectiveness.

*Legal References:*

EDUCATION CODE

*37223 Weekend classes*

*48205 Absences for personal reasons*

*48913 Missed assignments; suspended pupils*

*5100-52720 General instructional programs, especially*

*51002 Development of local programs within guidelines*