



Canton Public School District

NEW Homework Policy Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the purpose of the new homework policy?

The purpose of homework should be to practice, reinforce, or apply acquired skills and knowledge. Homework serves to develop regular study skills and the ability to complete assignments independently. Our students must spend more time reading, practicing skills taught by the teachers, developing regular study habits, learning to be responsible for completing assignments and turning them in on time... that's what helps a student be successful, and that's what it's all about!!

2. Should parents expect to see homework every day? Yes, there will be homework assigned Monday-Thursday in the core subjects (math, reading/language arts, science, and social studies). If your child doesn't have homework on one of those days, please contact the school to receive the missing assignments.

3. What if my child doesn't know how to complete his/her homework and I am unable to help? The Canton Public School District is utilizing homework to provide our students with opportunities to apply skills already learned. Because of this, your child should not bring home an assignment that covers skills not taught. In addition, your child's homework portfolio should have sample problems and examples of each assignment. Parent Academies will be offered to parents to provide additional support on specific skills and content.

4. Why is there a section for extra reading in the new homework policy? Research states that reading is the most important factor in enhancing student learning in grades K-12. Therefore, we felt that the new policy needed to place a strong emphasis on reading. Reading is the one thread that connects from grade K to grade 12 – and reading is something most parents can help with at home. There is no substitute for spending time reading to your child, with your child, or having them read to you.



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5. **What if my child is out sick and misses a homework assignment?** If your child is out sick, simply request the missing assignments for your child to make up once he/she is better and returns to school.
6. **What homework resources are available to parents?** Each child should maintain a homework portfolio that will contain examples, sample problems, and notes provided by the classroom teacher. Student should not receive homework on content that has not been taught by the classroom teacher. You can send a note, email, or call the teacher to ask questions about the homework assignment to get clarity. In addition, please contact your child's teacher to get additional resources that you can use at home.
7. **What are a few simple things that I can do as a parent to help my child with homework?**
 - Check the homework portfolio daily to ensure that assignments are completed
 - Support the school's emphasis on homework by providing a designated space and time to complete assignments
 - Provide continued interest and concern for your child's successful performance in school through encouraging and supporting his/her performance on homework assignments
 - Assure that your child reads for a period of at least the required number of minutes each day in addition to any other assigned homework
8. **What if my child spends more time on homework than the time noted in the policy?**

The new homework policy outlines approximate amounts of time children should spend on homework. Therefore, the times noted in the policy serve as a guideline and are only approximations. The amount of time it takes a child to complete homework will vary depending on the assignment and the child's ability and understanding of the assignment. However, if you notice an excessive amount of time being spent completing an assignment, please contact your child's teacher.