

CSD 13 SCHOOL BOARD

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## **HOMEWORK**

The CSD 13 School Board recognizes that education research has shown a positive correlation between meaningful and purposeful homework (practice) and student achievement in the classroom. Homework (practice) offers an opportunity to deepen understanding of material, practice new skills, and promote critical thinking, creativity and positive study habits for academic initiative. Homework helps inform parents of their child's educational progress and encourages communication between the student and parents and between school and home. The School Board believes that reasonable, educationally sound, relevant and regular outside-of-class homework, which gives students needed opportunities to practice standards and skills introduced in class, is an important part of the total educational program.

The School Board directs the Superintendent/designee, to work with the professional staff to develop grade level homework procedures that will achieve consistency in assignment and assessment of homework aligned with the guidelines provided below.

- A. Meaningful, purposeful homework that is directly related to the adopted CSD 13 schools' curriculum produces the strongest achievement gains.
- B. Specific feedback, inclusive of grading for completion and accuracy, shall be given to students in order for homework to be effective in enhancing student learning. Grading of homework will enhance student and parent understanding of present student progress. At DISHS, homework assessments (initiative to complete them), will/may be used to determine, up to 10% of a student's final grade in a class or course.
- C. Homework must be realistic in length and difficulty given the students' abilities to work independently within the standards outlined in the CSD 13 schools' curriculum.
- D. Homework should emphasize quality rather than quantity.
- E. The amount of homework assigned should be gradually increased from grade to grade and based on the student's learning needs.

The School Board expects that grade level homework procedures will be reviewed annually by the CSD 13 Staff and included in the Student Handbook.

Legal Reference: CH. 125.23, B, 5, 1 (Maine Dept. of Ed. Rule)