

2330 HOMEWORK

The Totowa Board of education recognizes that homework is a necessary part of a child's education. The Board directs the administration to develop homework procedures, guidelines, and standards. Homework guidelines and standards will be a product of a collaborative effort between administration and teachers. Homework guidelines and standards shall be distributed to teachers, parents, and students.

The type, frequency, and quantity of homework assigned should be determined by the teacher, their course requirements, and class expectations, and should meet the needs of the individual student. Homework is an extension of the classroom experience. Homework shall not be assigned for punitive reasons.

Communication among teachers relative to the coordination of assignments is expected so that workloads are in line with reasonable expectations. The building principal shall notify teachers when to consider grace periods for homework assignments when school activities, beyond the school day and in the evening, would cause an undue hardship on students in meeting homework requirements and deadlines.

Homework is an essential tool in the learning process as it develops independent study/work skills, develops student responsibility, and reinforces concepts experienced in class to further enhance learning. Homework will be presented in a positive manner with the above traits discussed as reasons for the issuing of homework.

Homework will be weighted no more than 20% of the student's grade.

All assigned homework will be aligned, and reflect the proficiency levels to be attained for each subject and grade level in the NJ State Core Curriculum Content Standards.