

## **HOMEWORK**

Homework is an extension of clearly defined classroom activities and should be appropriate to the age, ability, and level of independence of students. Teachers should assign meaningful homework that is consistent with student goals and district improvement plans. In addition to assigned homework, students are encouraged to read independently throughout the week for the purpose of enhancing literacy skills. The purpose of homework is to:

- Foster enrichment
- Prepare for new knowledge
- Strengthen and teach the application of basic skills
- Review and practice skills that have been previously taught
- Develop initiative, responsibility, and self-direction
- Build and implement independent study skills
- Teach budgeting of study time
- Build confidence by ensuring successful learning experiences
- Provide assessment for both teacher and student
- Promote parent/guardian understanding of the curriculum

Recommended minutes that students in the elementary and middle schools should work on daily homework assignments, including assigned independent reading time, are as follows:

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Homework</b>	<b>Suggested Independent Reading</b>
Grade K	Flexible	50-60 minutes per week
Grade 1	10-20 minutes per day	50-60 minutes per week
Grade 2	10-20 minutes per day	75 minutes per week
Grade 3	10-20 minutes per day	100 minutes per week
Grade 4	20-30 minutes per day	100 minutes per week
Grade 5	30-40 minutes per day	150 minutes per week
Grades 6-7	30 minutes per day	150-175 minutes per week
Grade 8	20-40 minutes per day	200-225 minutes per week