

**FARMINGTON RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HOMEWORK POLICY**

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The homework policy has been developed as an additional step in striving for a more challenging and rigorous education for the student. The policy will help enhance learning through the development of habits and attitudes that promote initiative, responsibility and self-discipline.

Homework is an integral part of a child's academic program. It is important for extending classroom discussion, reinforcing skills taught in the classroom and helping students prepare for class. Homework encourages communication between parents and children about their school work and is a link between families and teachers.

Homework affects the child's grades. The School Committee feels that students, teachers and parents all have responsibilities regarding homework. The School Handbook describes the responsibilities in detail.

As a valued part of our instructional program, homework will:

- Reinforce and review skills taught in school
- Provide parents with an insight into what is being taught in school.
- Provide students and parents with an opportunity to discuss academic issues
- Help develop responsibility, independent study habits and self-discipline in learning to use and manage time.

Importance of Homework

- Homework is counted towards a child's overall grade for each marking period.
- A homework assignment that is not completed or is submitted late may result in a reduction of grade at the discretion of the classroom teacher.

Time Allotment for Homework

- The amount of time spent on homework is usually estimated at 10 minutes per grade level. In addition to the assigned homework it is expected that all students will read or be read to each evening.
- Some children complete schoolwork faster than others and some children complete it more slowly. If your child is experiencing difficulty in completing assignments, please contact the teacher.

Student Responsibilities

- Complete and submit homework assignments by the date due.
- Ask for a list of missed assignments following an absence.
- Check with the teacher if she/he does not understand the assignment.
- Record assignments in your agenda (Grades 3-6).

Teacher Responsibilities:

- Ensure that each student clearly understands how to do the assignment successfully.
- Notify parents of children who habitually neglect homework responsibilities.
- Make assignments available for absent students at the end of the day, upon the student's return, or as requested in advance by parents for unexcused absences of four days or more.

Parent Responsibilities

- Encourage high standards in all written homework assignments.
- Provide a place in the home that contains an atmosphere conducive to working. This area should be free from outside distractions such as the television, radio and family conversation.
- Check your child's agendas and sign it daily (Grades 3-6).
- Maintain contact with the teacher regarding the homework policy and refer additional questions to the Principal.

Homework for Absent Students

Teachers will prepare homework from the daily assignments at the written request of the parents if students are absent for more than one day for illness or death in the family (**excused absence**). Homework will be available for parents to pick up at the end of the school day.

For students who will have an **unexcused absence** of four (4) days or more, parents will receive a notice regarding student access to online curriculum. Parents will also receive notification of topics being taught that the students will be missing during their absence. Written notice must be given to the teacher no less than **ten (10) calendar days prior** to the upcoming unexcused absence. Students will receive credit for completed work. Upon return, the burden of making up any missed work during the absence is the student's responsibility.

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