

HOMEWORK

The Mendocino County Board of Education recognizes that homework contributes toward building responsibility, self-discipline and life-long learning habits, and that time spent on homework directly influences students' ability to meet the school's academic standards. The County Board expects students, parents/guardians and staff to view homework as a routine and important part of students' daily lives.

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that administrators and teachers develop and implement an effective homework plan at each school site. As needed, teachers may receive training in designing relevant, challenging and meaningful homework assignments that reinforce classroom learning objectives.

Students, including English language learners, must be provided sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, to be used in class and to take home to complete required homework assignments. Although two sets of textbooks or instructional materials for each pupil are not required, the student must be permitted to take the classroom textbook or instructional materials home if homework is assigned.

Sufficient textbooks or instructional materials as defined in Education Code 60119 does not include photocopied sheets from only a portion of a textbook or instructional materials copied to address a shortage.

Although it is the student's responsibility to do most homework assignments independently, the County Board expects teachers to use parents/guardians as a contributing resource. When students repeatedly fail to do their homework, parents/guardians shall be notified and asked to contact the teacher.

Makeup Work

Students who miss school work because of an excused absence shall be given the opportunity to complete all assignments and tests that can be reasonably provided. As determined by the teacher, the assignments and tests shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the assignments and tests missed during the absence. Students shall receive full credit for work satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. (Education Code 48205)

Students who miss school work because of unexcused absences may be given the opportunity to make up missed work for full or reduced credit. Teachers shall assign such makeup work as necessary to ensure academic progress, not as a punitive measure.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48205 Absences for personal reasons

48913 Completion of work missed by suspended student

48980 Parental notifications

58700-58702 Tutoring and homework assistance program; summer school apportionment credit

60117-60119 Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Program Act