



Responsible Office(s): Office of Academics

**BOARD POLICY 6154
HOMEWORK**

PURPOSE

The Board of Trustees (Board) maintains that conventional purposes for homework are to provide students the opportunity to practice, prepare, check for understanding, and develop work habits. Homework, when utilized in a school/class, should provide a routine for students to assist in their ability to meet the Washoe County School District's (District) academic standards.

DEFINITIONS

1. "Homework" is any schoolwork that requires completion outside of the regular instructional day and includes assignments of short-term and long-term duration.

POLICY

1. The Board does not mandate homework. However, if homework is given to students, it should:
 - a. Provide reinforcement and extension of class instruction and serve as a basis for further study and preparation for future class assignments;
 - b. Extend learning and/or provide practice in applying concepts initially presented in the classroom; provide opportunities for independent work; strengthen concept and skill development; and provide opportunities for enrichment; and
 - c. Be appropriate to the subject area and the student's grade level and ability.
2. Homework should not be used as a disciplinary tool or create inequity or otherwise cause a disadvantage to students' learning success due to time or resources available within the family to complete homework tasks.
 - a. To support the homework policy, the District should encourage parents/guardians to:
 - i. Show interest in the student's work;
 - ii. Encourage/offer advice;

- iii. Allow the student to independently complete as much of the work as possible and provide help and direction to the student when reasonable;
 - iv. Set specific study times;
 - v. Confer with teachers for suggestions/concerns; and
 - vi. Monitor classroom activities to ensure assignments are brought home, completed, and returned on time.
- b. The Board hereby directs the Superintendent to adopt an Administrative Regulation to implement and maintain the purpose of this Board Policy. The Superintendent shall include in the Administrative Regulation the following provisions:
- i. The responsibilities of teachers and administrators;
 - ii. Grading procedures;
 - iii. Average homework times;
 - iv. The mechanism or system to communicate and review homework assignments; and
 - v. Protocols for assigning homework over extended breaks.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

1. This Board Policy reflects the goals of the District's Strategic Plan and aligns/complies with the governing documents of the District, to include:
 - a. Board Policy 5200, Family Engagement; and
 - b. Board Policy 6600, Academics: Curriculum and Content Standards.
2. This Board Policy aligns with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), to include:
 - a. NRS Chapter 392, Pupils, and specifically:
 - i. NRS 392.4575, Educational involvement accords; policy by school districts for development and distribution; annual review; submission of information to school support team.

REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision	Modification
04/27/1993	1.0	Adopted
07/29/2014	2.0	Revised
05/22/2018	3.0	Revised: Change from mandatory to optional, making homework a site-based decision
09/13/2022	4.0	Revised: Clarify language, format per Board Policy 9070