

BURTON ELEMENTARY (BES) HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework should prepare students for, and reinforce classroom learning. Homework is an integral component of education that deepens student learning and understanding. When assigned, homework will contribute to the healthy development of the whole student. Homework will be meaningful, purposeful, and appropriate. The site administration at Burton Elementary believes that a homework policy consisting of reading and writing will best prepare students of all ages to be critical thinkers and to be college and world ready.

Homework for All Grade Levels

1. Homework is defined as any work assigned to be completed outside of class.
2. The amount of time a student spends on assigned homework depends on factors such as the student's needs, learning ability, subject, school schedule, testing schedule and assigned homework due dates.
3. Time spent on homework shall be balanced with the importance of personal and family well-being, and the wide array of family obligations experienced in our society today.
4. Homework shall be purposeful and meaningful to students.
5. Reading, reflection, and writing is an integral part of learning and is a consistent part of homework.
6. Homework will reflect the accommodations and modifications of curriculum that are stated in a student's IEP or 504 plan.
7. There shall be no homework assigned during school recesses. (Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break and Spring Break). Projects assigned before recesses must not require any work to be completed over the break.

Grade Level Guidelines Elementary School

1. Reading is an integral part of learning. In the primary grades (K-3) homework will consist primarily of reading and a limited number of independent exercises to reinforce previously taught basic skills.
2. Except for reading, homework at the elementary level shall not be assigned over weekends, or holidays.
3. At the upper grades (4-6), homework will consist of reading, responding to literature, or journal prompts; homework shall consist of completing, practicing, preparing, or extending core academic skills and is designed to build independent study habits.
4. Below are the time limits for elementary homework:
 - TK-1 no more than 30 minutes of homework per night (reading included)
 - 2-3 no more than 45 minutes of homework per night (reading included)
 - 4-5 no more than 60 minutes of homework per night (reading included)
5. Homework will consist of reading, reading comprehension questions, response to literature, and / or a journal prompt.