

Students

SUBJECT: HOMEWORK

Homework is studying at home, and is ordinarily an extension of classroom instruction. The purpose of homework is the improvement of the learning process by reinforcing newly acquired skills, engaging in preparatory activities such as in reading for background, and by extending and applying classroom learning for developing new and deeper understandings. **Because** any assignment which is worth making is worth evaluating, teachers should monitor homework carefully and provide students the feedback needed to enhance learning. Homework should be assigned regularly to all students and progressively increase in amount from primary grades through high school.

The Superintendent of Schools, in collaboration with Building Principals and teachers, is directed to develop a homework protocol for the District. This protocol should include procedures to ensure that assignments are made which are necessary and useful, motivating, appropriate to the ability and maturity level of students, well explained and clearly understood by students and, where appropriate, by parents.

Parents/guardians should be aware that homework assignments ordinarily indicate what students have been doing in school. It is also important that parents/guardians **encourage students to complete homework; as such encouragement** strengthens the link between home and school.