

## **BARNSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT Homework Guidelines & Regulations**

### GRADES 1-2

Homework in the beginning grades is designed to help students develop the habit of bringing papers and important notices from school to home and from home to school. No formal academic school work will be assigned for homework in Grades 1-2. Rather, students will be expected to take a weekly folder home once per week and promptly return it to school. In addition, students will be expected to remember appropriate dress for gym and recess.

### GRADE 3

Formal homework will begin in Grade 3. It will consist of work which children should be able to complete on their own. The classroom emphasis on this homework will be to teach appropriate student habits. Homework will last no more than 10-15 minutes and students will receive positive recognition for completing homework, rather than negative consequences. Communication between parents and teachers regarding successful completion of homework is especially important during this formative year. It is important that students understand that parents and teachers consider homework an integral part of the educational process.

### GRADE 4

Homework is a valuable part of the learning process for students in Grade Four. Homework provides reinforcement, application, and extension of the many skills learned in the classroom. It also provides students the opportunity to develop responsible work habits and organizational skills which will benefit them throughout their lives.

Homework Guidelines:

1. Students will receive homework approximately three (3) nights per week. (Generally, not over the weekend or vacation periods.)
2. Students will be expected to maintain a homework assignment notebook.
3. Homework is expected to be done at home with parent monitoring.
4. Homework is expected to be completed and turned in on the due date. Any work not completed on time results in a loss of points (minus 10 points for each day late). The assignment must be completed regardless of total point loss.
5. After an absence, it is the student's responsibility to obtain all work assignments missed during that absence. (If at all possible, the teachers will send the work and materials needed home with a sibling or neighbor.)

Students will have one (1) day to make up missed work for each day's absence. It is the student's responsibility to hand in all makeup work within this time.

Students need a quiet place to do homework effectively. This can be in their own room, at the kitchen table, or any area where they can concentrate without distractions.

Parents need to make sure students have the necessary tools such as paper, pencils, rulers, etc. needed to complete homework. Parents should check work for neatness and accuracy.

Students should keep all completed work in a designated place a home which is easily accessible during the morning rush out the door. To help with their organization, students need some type of school bag to transport their belongings, work, and materials between school and home.

## GRADE 5

Home work is an important facet of the total learning process. As an extension of daily class work it provides reinforcement and practice of skills learned. Students also develop responsibility and the ability to schedule and use time wisely as homework assignments are completed faithfully.

Homework guidelines for fifth grade students follow:

1. Students will receive 1/2 to 1 hour of homework daily.
2. Students will receive homework Monday through Thursday.
3. Students will be expected to work on long term assignments at home.
4. Students are expected to keep a list of their own assignments.
5. Homework not completed on time results in lost credit for that assignment and loss of recess.
6. Students consistently late with homework assignments will be placed on a parent/teacher monitoring system using a homework booklet or assignment sheet.
7. Homework is an important component when averaging a student's overall grade.

Parental support is essential in the student receiving the fullest benefit from homework assigned. Their help in the following areas is especially vital.

1. Providing a consistent time and quiet place for homework.
2. Checking for the accuracy, completeness and neatness of assignments.
3. Following through consistently with programs designed for their child, such as a homework booklet.

## GRADE 6

Homework is an important part of the everyday learning process. Often at this age level it is an extension of the days work and the skills learned in the classroom.

Homework guidelines for the sixth grade students are as follows:

1. Students will receive a total of 1-1/2 hours of homework a day.
2. Homework will be given 4 nights a week (Monday - Thursday).
3. Students are expected to maintain a homework assignment notebook.
4. Homework is expected to be done with parent monitoring.
5. Homework is due the next day or the student may stay in for recess to make up the work.
6. Parents will be contacted when assignments are missing.
7. Students will be able to makeup missed assignments for each day's absences. It is the student's responsibility to hand in all makeup work and arrange to makeup tests.

Parents are asked to provide the student with a quiet place to work and the necessary tools to complete the homework assignment. Parents should check work for neatness and accuracy.

## GRADES 7 & 8

Homework is a valuable part of the learning process for students in the seventh and eighth grades. Homework provides reinforcement, application and extension of the many skills learned in the classroom. It also provides students the opportunity to develop responsible work habits and organizational skills which will benefit them throughout their lives.

Homework guidelines for students at this level are as follows:

1. Students will receive a total of 1 to 2 hours of homework per day.
2. Generally homework will be given 5 nights a week but not over vacation.
3. Students will be expected to maintain a homework assignment notebook.
4. Homework will count a minimum of 25% of a student's overall grade.
5. Homework is expected to be done at home with parent monitoring.

6. Students may hand in an assignment 1 day late for a reduced grade. An assignment more than 1 day late will be credited as a 0%.
7. Students are expected to pick a buddy at the beginning of the year who will be responsible for collecting homework when either of the students is absent.
8. Students will have 1 day to makeup missed work for each day's absence. It is the student's responsibility to hand in all makeup work and arrange to take missed tests within this time.

Students need a quiet place to do homework effectively. This can be in their own room, at the kitchen table or any area where they can concentrate without distractions. Parents need to make sure students have the necessary tools such as paper, pencils, pens, rulers, etc. needed to complete homework. Parents should check work for neatness and accuracy. Students should keep all completed work in a single homework folder in order to prevent misplacing it.

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