



POLICY 8.16

5-A I recommend that the Board approve development of the proposed revised Policy 8.16, entitled "Homework Policy."

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Development

CONSENT ITEM

- This revised policy provides a definition of homework; a purpose for the policy; and for principals to monitor the implementation of this policy and establish procedures within his or her school to ensure the appropriateness and balance of homework assignments.
- This revision also amends the policy to provide for the Student Progression Plan and updates statutory references.

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HOMework POLICY

Homework is to be defined as subject-related assignments given by a teacher which will require time and effort outside the regular classroom for successful completion.

1. Policy. The School Board believes homework will promote the educational process and can form an educational partnership between the school, students, and parents. For the purposes of this policy, "homework" refers to subject related assignments given by a teacher which will require time and effort outside the regular classroom for completion.
2. Purposes. Homework should be a properly planned part of the curriculum, extending and reinforcing the school learning experiences. Learning tasks shall not be assigned as homework for disciplinary or punitive reasons.
3. Procedures. The School Board and the School District have adopted hereby adopts the following procedures to carry out the homework policy:
 - a. Principals are to serve as primary advocates for school-wide policies regarding homework assignments. It shall be the responsibility of the principals to monitor the implementation of this policy and establish procedures within his or her school to ensure the appropriateness and balance of homework assignments.
 - b. Each school will establish a method of communicating the school's homework policy to students and parents.
 - c. Each school will develop its own standards for assignment of homework and completion of homework. The following should be included in these standards:
 - i. A purpose for homework assignments should be established.
 - ii. A portion of the student's grade (according to the ~~Pupil~~ Student Progression Plan) should be based upon the completion of homework assignments.
 - iii. Homework should not be used as a form of punishment.
 - iv. Homework should not require the use of reference materials unavailable to the student.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.41; 1001.42 Chapter 120, Section

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35 LAWS IMPLEMENTED: None
36 HISTORY: 8/21/96; __/___2008

Legal Signoff:

The Legal Department has reviewed proposed Policy 8.16 and finds it legally sufficient for development by the Board.

Attorney

Date