

Communication among teachers about the same students is also an important aspect in solving problems related to homework. Homework is recognized and encouraged as an extremely valuable activity and as an appropriate extension of classroom instruction. Homework provides excellent opportunities for developing good study habits, providing for individual differences and abilities, and encouraging self-initiative on the part of the student. In our effort to provide education that will meet the varying needs of students, it is the policy of the Johnson City Central School District to have appropriate directed homework periodically beyond the regular school day.

Teachers are cautioned to avoid overloading students with excessively lengthy homework assignments or with overly brief and empty assignments. Planning homework assignments should be given as much care as the planning of any other aspect of a lesson. An assignment important enough to be done must be considered worthy of teacher feedback.

Homework shall be assigned according to these guidelines:

1. Homework should be a properly planned part of the curriculum extending and reinforcing the learning experience of the school.
2. Homework should help children learn by providing practice in the mastery of skills, experience in data gathering and integration of knowledge, and an opportunity to remediate learning problems.
3. Homework should help develop the student's sense of responsibility by providing an opportunity for the exercise of independent work and judgment.
4. The number, frequency, and degree of difficulty of homework assignments should be based on the abilities, activities, and needs of the student.
5. As a valid educational tool, homework should be clearly assigned and its product carefully and promptly evaluated, in a manner determined by the teacher.
6. Any homework assignment should be clearly understood by the student.
7. Homework should never be given as punishment.

8. When homework is given, the following are recommendations for the cumulative/maximum length of time for assigned homework:

K-2:	30 minutes per night
3rd Grade:	30 minutes per night
4th Grade:	40 minutes per night
5th Grade:	50 minutes per night
6th Grade:	60 minutes per night
7th Grade:	70 minutes per night
8th Grade:	80 minutes per night
Grades 9-12:	2 hours per night
AP/Dual Credit :	2.5 hours per night

The Board of Education believes that parental involvement in students' homework is essential to making homework an integral part of the educational program. Parents are expected to encourage and monitor homework assignments and, to the extent possible, provide conditions that are conducive to their successful completion.

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