

Homework Policy

The responsibility of the Torrington Public Schools to educate the child is carried out by the teachers through effective classroom instruction and the careful delegation of independent study. It is important for the student to be taught the knowledge and skills related to the subject area and how to study in school before he/she is given any work to do at home.

Assignments shall have meaning and purpose, shall be directed toward individual achievement, shall be within the student's ability to work independently and should aid in the extension of activities which increase interest and bring about progress from year to year. Assignment directions shall be clearly and fully made.

Guidelines for Homework:

Student Responsibility

- A. To be responsible for making up work missed when absent.
- B. To understand the purpose and expectations of the homework assignment.
- C. To understand the means of evaluation.
- D. To understand that the content, structure, and appearance of all written homework assignments are important elements in the grading process.
- E. To understand the suggested time allotted and budget time accordingly.
- F. To assume responsibility for obtaining proper resources and materials.
- G. To meet deadlines and to understand the consequences of incomplete work or missing work to complete assignments.

School's Responsibility

- A. Teachers will explain to students at the beginning of the school year and subsequently if necessary the homework policy and how it will be carried out in their classes.
- B. All homework is to have value; its purpose in relation to what has been learned in the classroom must clearly be understood by the student. Homework should supplement or extend a well-planned lesson.
- C. Homework assignments should be as individualized as possible, realizing that students accomplish tasks at varying rates of speed and in various situations.
- D. The student's total daily homework load, out-of-school responsibilities, and home conditions must be considered by the teacher when deciding upon the length of any assignment and in evaluating an assignment.
- E. Assignments before BOE scheduled holidays and a vacation are to be avoided.
- F. Consideration should be given to students who may not have adequate time for homework preparation due to religious observances or illness.
- G. It is the responsibility of the school administration to ensure that schools adhere to the approved Homework Policy.

Grades 6-12

- A. Homework assignments should be properly evaluated and recorded within 5 school days. The result of the evaluation should be reflected in the student's overall grade.
- B. Teachers will communicate with the parent or guardian of the student who is falling behind in completing work assignments.