

# COLONY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**COUNCIL POLICY TYPE: School Operational Policy**

**POLICY TOPIC DESCRIPTION: Homework**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

## POLICY STATEMENT

Homework when used as an extension of classroom instruction and assigned in moderation is an important part of the instructional process. Homework not only reinforces material learned in the classroom, but also helps students learn responsibility and independence. Therefore, the SBDM Council has adopted the following policy concerning homework at Colony Elementary.

1. Every student is encouraged to read a minimum of 20 minutes per night, seven days per week.
2. Homework should be assigned on a regular basis, but teacher assignment of homework may vary.
3. Homework should provide reinforcement of classroom activities and be a meaningful extension of classroom instruction.
4. Homework should be graded and returned, unless kept for documentation purposes. If the teacher keeps homework, students should be made aware of their grade/score.
5. Homework will count toward students grades and will be reflected on report cards and progress reports.
6. Homework should be assigned in moderation and should not exceed 20-30 minutes (this should be used as a guideline, NOT a minimum or maximum).
7. Classwork that is not completed during school is NOT considered "homework" and must be completed in addition to "homework" assignments.
8. Students should be held responsible for completion of homework and may receive additional time to complete homework during any part of the instructional day.
9. Teachers should regularly communicate with parents concerning homework. Parents should be notified if homework is not being completed and/or returned on a regular basis.
10. Homework should be differentiated to meet the individual needs of the student, as appropriate and determined by the classroom teacher. Modifications which address students' IEP's, 504's and gifted plans should be addressed in homework assignments.

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