

HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK

The Oradell Board of Education believes that homework relevant to material presented in class provides an opportunity to broaden, deepen or reinforce the student's knowledge. Teachers shall use discretion in deciding the number and length of assignments. The board encourages the use of interrelated major homework assignments such as term papers, themes and creative art projects.

The board recognizes that homework time varies based on the individual needs and abilities of the students at each grade level. The administration shall establish "suggested" time guidelines for the teaching staff relevant to homework assignments. Such guidelines will be communicated to the teaching staff and the parent community.

Homework shall not be used for punitive reasons.

Student Absences

Students absent for any reason must make up assignments, classwork and tests within a reasonable length of time. In most cases, a reasonable length of time shall be the same number of school days as the days missed.

Students being excused for any reason must make arrangements with the teacher of the missed classes in order to make up the work missed.

The board discourages the practice of having children taken out of school for family vacation purposes during the school year. Parental requests for teachers to project and provide lessons/activities for the student to complete during such absences will not be honored. However, reading and journaling activities will be made available as a means of reinforcing previously learned skills. For such absences, it becomes the responsibility of the parent/guardian and child to work with the teacher, upon the child's return to school, for any work missed during that time. In most cases, a reasonable length of time shall be the same number of school days as the days missed.

Special consideration may be given by the building principal to situations of pre-scheduled student absences (other than family vacations). Upon the principal's approval, work will be assigned for completion by the student during such absences.

Incompletes

When a student does not complete work missed for absence or other reasons, he/she will receive an "incomplete" for the marking period. Students will be given a specific number of school days as determined by the teacher in consultation with the principal following the end of the marking period to make up the missed work.

If work critical to the student's understanding of the subject is not made up by the end of the next marking period, the grade for that subject area may be unsatisfactory.

If work is missing during the final marking period of the school year, the grade will be left to the discretion of the teacher. The teacher who has given an incomplete is responsible for reporting to the student the work he/she has missed and citing the consequences mentioned above.

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14 Religious holidays; absence of students on; effect
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-10.1 et seq. Summer School Sessions

Possible

Cross References: 1320 Participation in out of school community activities
*1322 Contests for students
*5020 Role of parents/guardians
*5113 Attendance, absences and excuses
*5124 Reporting to parents/guardians
*6145 Extracurricular activities
*6153 Field trips
6174 Summer school

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.