

Homework has been shown to be an effective instructional technique. It can have positive effects on learning and work habits, and can serve as a vital link between the school and family. Therefore, the Columbia County School System endorses homework as an integral part of the curriculum.

In order for homework to be effective, the purposes should be clearly defined. The general purposes of homework are:

1. to promote responsibility, self-direction and independent work habits;
2. to reinforce skills and information learned in class;
3. to enrich and extend school research experiences;
4. to bring students in contact with out-of-school learning experiences;
5. to prepare students for upcoming class topics; and
6. to aid in evaluating student progress.

In accordance with the purposes stated above, the following guidelines have been established:

1. Assignments should be varied by providing total group, small group and individual activities.
2. Assignments should be well within the capabilities of the students.
3. Assignments should be reasonable in view of the students' individual circumstances.
4. Assignments should be based on clear criteria, evaluated fairly, and use in the daily program.
5. The students should be properly motivated and prepared for the work.
6. Each school shall establish its own guidelines within the framework of this county policy.

PROCEDURE: YES

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