

SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

AR 6154(a)

Instruction

Homework/Makeup Work

Homework shall be a regular, daily part of the school curriculum. It shall be carefully initiated, motivated and related to daily class work. Individual student needs, interests and abilities shall be taken into consideration in all homework assignments.

The principal and staff at each school shall develop and regularly review a school site homework plan which includes guidelines for the assignment of homework and describes the responsibilities of students, staff and parents/guardians. The plan shall identify all of the following:

1. For each grade level, the amount of time that students shall be expected to spend on homework.
2. For each grade level, the extent to which homework assignments shall systematically involve participation by parents/guardians.
3. The means by which parents/guardians shall be informed about:
 - a. Homework expectations
 - b. How homework relates to the student's grades
 - c. How best to help their children
4. Techniques that will be taught to help students allocate their time wisely, meet their deadlines and develop good personal study habits.
5. The access that students shall have to obtain:
 - a. Resource materials from the library media center.
 - b. Assistance and/or tutoring through telephone help lines and/or after-school centers.
6. The means by which teachers shall coordinate assignments so that students do not receive an overload of homework one day and very little the next.
7. For each grade level, the extent to which homework assignments shall emphasize independent research, reports, special reading and problem-solving activities.

The daily amount of time required for homework will vary depending upon the maturity, abilities, and individual needs of pupils as well as the requirements of the course/subject. Further consideration will be given to the availability of materials needed to complete homework assigned. However, the following schedule represents a minimum amount of time which homework assigned should reasonably require.

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Minimum Time Schedule For Homework</u>
Kindergarten/First	30-min. assignment five days a week
Second	30-min. assignment five days a week
Third	45-min. assignment five days a week
Fourth	45-60-min. assignment five days a week
Fifth	60-min. assignment five days a week
Sixth	75-90-min. assignment five days a week
Seventh	2-2-1/2-hour assignment five days a week
Eighth	2-2-1/2-hour assignment five days a week (30 min. per day in core contents)
Ninth	2-3-hour assignment five days a week (30-45 min. per day in core contents)
Tenth	2-3-hour assignment five days per week (30-45 min. per day in core contents)
Eleventh	2-3-hour assignment five days per week (45-60 min. per day in core contents)
Twelfth	2-3-hour assignment five days per week (45-60 min. per day in core contents)

All high school students shall be assigned regular homework in core subjects and occasional homework in elective areas. Homework will be carefully designed to support classroom teaching, not to replace it. Minimal classroom time will be used to begin homework assignments or to review them, ensuring that class time is used for new, in-depth content instruction.

Students in ninth and tenth grades will receive thirty to forty-five minutes of homework per core subject on a daily basis. Students in eleventh and twelfth grades will receive forty-five to sixty minutes of daily homework per core subject. In those high schools with block scheduling, homework assignments will be given in fewer subjects each day but designed for two days of study.

It is understood that many high school students work after school and that high school students are encouraged to engage in a variety of extra-curricular activities which enhance their classroom learning in the arts, business and community involvement through direct application. In some cases, these activities may be requested as homework for a particular course.

Makeup Work

The Superintendent of designee shall notify parents/guardians that no student may have his/her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any excused absence when missed assignments and tests are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. Such notification shall include the full text of Education Code 48205. (Education Code 48980) (cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

The teacher of any class from which a student is suspended may require the student to complete any assignments and tests missed during the suspension. (Education Code 48913) (cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)