

HOMEWORK POLICY

The Newton Public Schools believes that homework contributes to the understanding of the curriculum and reinforces learning. Homework is a meaningful extension of daily classroom activities.

Homework provides for practice of skills and application of principles based upon work begun in the classroom. It enriches school experiences and promotes a permanent interest in learning. It stimulates individual initiative, personal responsibility and self-direction.

Due to the differences in age levels, learning styles, and modes of instruction in the elementary and secondary schools, homework expectations will necessarily differ. Guidelines for homework will be published in the student handbooks.

No homework will be due during any major religious observance (see policy JHA for the definition of "recognized religious observances as identified on district approved calendar") including the day following such an observance for elementary and middle school students and for the high school level, will not be due unless the student has had 30 out of school hours, after the holiday day has ended, to complete assignment(s), projects or study for assessments.

Such observances shall be identified in the Newton Public Schools calendar as voted by the Newton School Committee

Principals may promulgate school-based rules regarding homework that are consistent with this policy.

Cross Reference IC/ICA; JHS

Adopted by the Newton School Committee, XXXXXXXX