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Maryland Public School Implementation procedures of the Department of Education Homework Policy

Rationale

Maryland Public School staff and parents understand that homework is a complex issue for both the school and home. The community recognises that homework is an opportunity for increased communication between the school and home regarding the teaching and learning of students. In addition, the school and community recognises the values in developing a home and study routine in preparation for high school, whilst considering the many other learning activities and opportunities our students access outside of school.

Policy Statement

Homework allows for practising, extending and consolidating work done in class and provides training for students in planning and organising time. It develops a range of skills in identifying and using information resources and establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline which will serve students for the rest of their lives. Homework also provides opportunities for quality family interactions, "real life" experiences and self-directed learning for students. Communication of homework expectations and procedures provides parents and caregivers with insights into what is being taught in the classroom and the progress of their children.

Homework at Maryland Public School

The Maryland Public School Homework Program is not compulsory. Students (supported by parents / caregivers) may opt in or out of some or all aspects of Homework.

Please note – exceptions to this may be tasks such as Public Speaking speech preparation and other tasks as required.

Homework programs **may** consist of a combination of the following types of activities and may differ from class to class:

- Home reading
- Spelling - written and / or online
- Maths - written and / or online
- English tasks (handwriting, writing etc) - written and / or online
- Research activities
- Project based activities
- Month / term based grid of choice

Homework content will be determined by the teacher based on student need, interest and ability.

Parents and caregivers can help by:

- ✓ taking an active interest in homework and ensuring that there is time set aside for homework
- ✓ encouraging and supporting students to complete homework and assisting teachers to monitor homework by signing completed work if requested and being aware of the amount of homework set
- ✓ providing access to online technology where possible

- ✓ providing, where possible, a dedicated place and desk for homework and study
- ✓ encouraging their children to read and take an interest in current events
- ✓ communicating with teachers any concerns about the nature of homework and their children's approach to the homework including home considerations

Teachers can help by:

- ✓ explaining to students and their parents or caregivers the purpose and benefits of homework
- ✓ ensuring students and parents or caregivers are aware of the school's homework policy
- ✓ providing quality homework activities related to classwork that students can complete independently
- ✓ ensuring that students are aware of what is expected of them, and how their work will be assessed
- ✓ giving students sufficient time to complete their homework, taking into account, as far as possible, competing home obligations and extracurricular activities and homework set by other teachers
- ✓ marking homework promptly and appropriately, maintaining homework records and providing feedback to students and parents or caregivers
- ✓ suggesting strategies that parents / caregivers can use to assist their children with their homework.

Students can help by:

- ✓ being aware of the importance of homework
- ✓ being aware of their class/year/stage homework procedures
- ✓ completing homework within the given time frame
- ✓ alerting parents or caregivers to homework expectations
- ✓ seeking assistance from teachers and parents or caregivers when difficulties arise
- ✓ showing their homework to their parents or caregivers
- ✓ ensuring homework is of a high standard
- ✓ organising their time to ensure that sufficient time is given to quality homework within set deadlines.

These procedures will be reviewed, and refined if necessary, in Term 3 2019, by MPS executive and School Council

These procedures were developed by MPS executive and School Council. The school community was consulted during the development process.