

## Homework

The term “homework” refers to an assignment to be completed outside of class or during a period of supervised study in class. Connecting homework assignments to a meaningful purpose is a powerful instructional practice. The three purposes for assigning homework are:

1. To give students opportunities to practice skills,
2. To prepare students for a new topic, and
3. To have students elaborate on introduced material.

Homework should increase in complexity with the student’s maturity. The information for any homework assignment should be clear and specific so that the student can complete the assignment independently. Homework should not require the use of reference materials not readily available in most homes, school library or the public library. Homework should require the use of those materials only when the student has had instruction in such use. Homework shall not be used as a form of punishment under any circumstances.

Building principals shall include in the student handbook, information about homework assignments and expectations for students. This information shall be readily available to parents.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 332.107](#)

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