



HOMEWORK POLICY

RATIONALE:

Homework is an essential part of the teaching and learning process and is an important support to work done with students in the classroom. It helps to reinforce and extend the students knowledge. The setting and regular marking of homework enhance the academic achievement of the student. Each student in Finn Valley College has a student's journal into which homework assigned by the classroom teacher should be written.

While homework may not always be written work, but may necessitate other forms of learning e.g. project work, research, revision, it is the schools expectation that all assignments should be completed in an ordered and timely fashion.

This document is designed to assist students, teachers, parents and other members of the school community in setting out the policy of the school in relation homework.

GOALS

1. To ensure consistency of approach to the setting and reviewing of homework.
2. To reinforce work done in the classroom.
3. To help teachers assess the strengths and weaknesses of individual students and to indicate where improvements could be made.
4. To enhance the achievements of the students.
5. To encourage independent learning and research.
6. To encourage the interest and active involvement of Parents in their child's work and progress.
7. To assess and evaluate the progress of students.

Roles and Responsibilities

Board of Management

- To ensure that the policy is developed and evaluated from time to time.
- To approve the policy.
- To receive reports on its implementation

Principal and Senior Management Team

- To monitor the implementation of the policy.

Class Teacher

- To help develop and to implement the Action Plan
- To foster appropriate actions by the student , parent and subject teacher
- To monitor the implementation of the action plan

Staff

- To assign and review homework.
- To provide feedback to parents and students on homework
- To provide feedback to Class Teachers and Senior Managers on the efficacy of the Homework policy
- To help develop and implement policy.

Parents

- To provide support and encouragement for completion of homework.
- To check homework journals and to sign comment sheet
- To provide suitable conditions for homework.
- To see that adequate time is spent on homework and that it is completed.
- To contact the school in relation to difficulties with homework.

Students

- It is the responsibility of each student to complete his/her homework as required.
- Students are required to have required homework copies and materials for completion of homework and to ensure that these are kept in good condition.
- Homework should be presented properly, on time and in co-operation with the teacher.
- Students are required to record in the students journal all homework assigned by the teacher.
- Students are required to listen in class for homework and ask for clarification if necessary.
- Project work/or practical coursework, where it relates to a state examination are subject to conditions and regulations laid down by the State Examinations Commission. A letter will issue to parents setting out such conditions, when the annual information becomes available from Commission.

Recommended Time for Homework

First Year	1.5 to 2	hours
Second Year	2	to 2.5 hours
Third Year	2.5 to 3	hours
Fourth Year	2.5 to 3	hours
Fifth Year	3	hours