## Instruction

## **HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK**

Homework is defined as the time students spend outside the classroom in assigned learning activities. The Board believes the purpose of homework is to practice and to extend knowledge and skill. The Board also believes, as research supports, that student learning is positively affected when homework assignments are purposeful and engaging, and are appropriate in quality and quantity. The Board further believes completing homework is the responsibility of the student. As students mature, they are more able to work independently.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that administrators and teachers develop and implement an effective homework plan at each school site.

## **Makeup Work**

Students who miss school work because of an excused absence shall be given the opportunity to complete all assignments and tests that can be reasonably provided. As determined by the teacher, the assignments and tests shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the assignments and tests missed during the absence. Students shall receive full credit for work satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. (cf. 5113 – Absences and Excuses)

Students who miss school work because of unexcused absences may be given the opportunity to make up missed work for full or reduced credit. Teachers shall assign such makeup work as necessary to ensure academic progress, not as a punitive measure.

When students miss school work because of suspensions, the Board of Education expects that teachers shall give students the opportunity to makeup missed work. Teachers shall assign such makeup work as necessary to ensure academic progress, not as a punitive measure.

Legal References: EDUCATION CODE 48205 Absences for personal reasons 48913 Completion of work by suspended student 48980 Parent notifications 58700-58702 Tutoring and homework assistance program; summer school apportionment credit BOARD POLICY BP & AR 5113 – Absences and excuses