

Derry Cooperative School District No. 1
NH School Administrative Unit #10
18 South Main Street
Derry, NH 03038

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HOMEWORK

The Derry Cooperative School Board believes that homework relates directly to the purpose of schools and schooling and is therefore an important part of a child's educational experience. Well-planned homework assignments that are appropriate to the grade and level of the learner may take many forms including regular practice and reinforcement of previously taught skills, independent assignments that enrich the school curriculum, reading to prepare for subsequent class discussions or to improve skill level, review and study of notes assembled in class, student writing in a variety of styles and forms.

Meaningful homework assignments are those that emphasize quality rather than quantity; that relate to and enrich curriculum thereby extending academic learning time beyond the school day; that provide teachers with additional opportunities to monitor progress, diagnose needs and deliver corrective feedback to students; that give students practice in developing independent learning skills; and that are reasonable in length, appropriate for learner, and purposeful in nature.

A teacher shall carefully explain to his/her students how homework assignments relate to the grading system. Homework may be credited up to a maximum of 15 percent toward a student's final grade. Successful application of this homework policy can be demonstrated by the presence of these conditions in our school-community:

1. Homework expectations are clearly explained and broadly communicated by teachers and administrators; understood and met by students; and affirmed by parents.
2. Regular homework assignments are well planned, invariably reviewed or connected to student learning by teachers and used by teachers to diagnose, reinforce, or enrich student learning.
3. Meaningful homework is completed by students in responsible, conscientious, and timely fashion.
4. Parental support demonstrating community agreement that homework is a purposeful and valuable part of a child's education.

Regulatory Reference NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.14(b), Basic Instructional Standards: Homework