

Simmons Elementary
Best Practices Policy
SISI Standard
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HOMework POLICY

HOMework DEFINED

Homework is defined as work done outside the classroom that engages students in activities that practice, reinforce, or apply skills and knowledge in lessons being conducted in the classroom.

IMPLEMENTATION OF HOMework ACTIVITIES

The principal will work with the staff in making use of homework for expanding students learning. The staff is expected to follow the specific requirements listed in this policy as a guide to implementing a homework plan.

SPECIFIC HOMework REQUIREMENTS

- I. Homework activities for all subjects shall not require more than approximately 60 minutes to complete.
- II. Homework activities shall be clearly defined by the teacher, be noted in the teacher's lesson plan, and be provided in writing on the board or in a memo to the student.
- III. Homework activities shall be collected, checked, and evaluated, and shall be used in assessing student progress.
- IV. Homework activities shall clearly provide additional practice and application of skills being taught in the classroom.
- V. Failure to complete homework assignments by students shall be handled as consequences for regular class assignments.

MONITORING OF HOMework POLICY

The Academic Progress Committee shall review this policy and its implementation once a year and recommend any needed policy changes to the council.

COMMUNICATION

The homework policy shall be communicated to all stakeholders in a variety of ways.

The council recommends the following ways:

- I. Placement in the student handbook
- II. Discussion at the open house
- III. Discussion with students in each classroom on the first day of school.