

## **HOMWORK**

Homework is designed to be a constructive tool in the teaching - learning process. It is an extension of what was learned in the classroom and is assigned to reinforce the lesson or provide a creative application of what has been learned. Homework acts as a link between home and school by keeping parents informed.

The use of homework agenda books help get the students organized. **Homework is the responsibility of the student.** Students may receive a detention and/or administrative intervention for frequent homework deficiency. In addition to checking their students' homework agenda book, parents can hear their students' assignments by calling the Homework Hotline. Dial the school's telephone number, choose option #8, and then enter the 3 digit number of each teacher. Teacher numbers are located on the back cover of this calendar.

The amount of homework is very often specific to both the grade level and subject area. Parents may direct questions concerning homework to specific teachers. A student who is absent from class for any reason must make up the required homework. At the teacher's discretion, homework may be assigned for:

Gr. K-1	5-15 minutes/day	Gr. 4-5	30-45 minutes/day
Gr. 2-3	15-20 minutes/day	Gr. 6-8	60-90 minutes/day

### **ACADEMIC PROBATION & SUSPENSION**

Pupils who maintain a "C" or 75% average or above in all of their classes each marking period are considered to be in good academic standing and eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Pupils who are on "ACADEMIC PROBATION" are eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities from the time the report card is issued to the issuance of the report card in the following marking period. Academic probation applies to pupils who:

- Have received one or more grades of "D" or below 75% and who in the past have always proved to be a pupil in good academic standing;
- Have had extenuating circumstances in their lives, i.e., death in the family, crisis in home or school life, learning difficulties that have contributed to grades of "D" or below.

For students on academic probation, a letter will be sent by the principal to inform the parent(s) of their pupil's academic status and a monitoring program will be put in place to ensure academic improvement.

If a student receives all grades of "C" or better the next marking period, that student is now returned to good academic standing and can again participate in extra-curricular activities. If the student again receives any grade of "D" or lower during the next marking period, he/she is placed on "ACADEMIC SUSPENSION." Grades from the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the previous academic school year will affect eligibility status for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the new school year.

Students who are on "ACADEMIC SUSPENSION" are NOT eligible to participate in or join any extra-curricular activities until they receive a report card that reflects their attainment of grades of "C" or 75% average or better. Academic Suspension applies to students who continue to receive one or more grades of "D" or below 75% and have been on Academic Probation for more than one marking period. Placement will NOT be held on any sports/club/activity for any pupils who are on Academic Suspension. Students on Academic Suspension may not attend any practice or activity or be in the school building for a reason other than receiving additional academic assistance.

Students on academic suspension will be required to participate in a monitoring program similar to that above for students on academic probation. They will receive a weekly status up-date by all teachers and be referred to the school's Intervention and Resource Committee.

### **PROMOTION AND RETENTION**

The Board of Education has established a promotion and retention policy in order to maintain high standards of achievement. Retention will be considered when: a student is achieving significantly below ability and grade level; a student is demonstrating gross irresponsibility in study habits or completion of academic work; a student has been absent more than 20 school days.

### **MARKING PERIODS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> marking period ends November 9, 2006
- 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period ends January 24, 2007
- 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period ends March 28, 2007
- 4<sup>th</sup> marking period ends June 9, 2007

Please note that these dates are subject to change depending on the number of days school is closed. Report cards will go home no later than two weeks from the end of the marking period.