

## Homework

**Goal:** Meaningful homework assignments can have a positive impact on student learning. Homework assignments shall be related to course outcomes, rigorous and relevant to students, and differentiated to account for individual differences among students.

### Purposes of Homework:

- Prepare for subsequent lessons.
- Practice or review to strengthen concept and skill development.
- Evaluate what students know by applying, extending, or integrating their knowledge and understanding through projects or other assignments.

Homework Practices	Suggestions
1. Assigning	1. Assign homework on an as needed basis. Consider short term and long term assignments. Avoid assigning group projects for homework.
2. Quantity	2. The amount of homework must be appropriate to students' needs and abilities; moreover, the total amount of homework from all the students' teachers must be reasonable.
3. Quality	3. Research suggests that it is the quality of the homework assignments, not the amount, that can have a positive impact on student learning. Homework assignments should not be viewed as "busy work." They should be related to course objectives, rigorous and relevant to students, and differentiated to account for individual differences among students. Students should be able to complete homework assignments on their own without parent assistance.
4. Grading	4. Provide feedback to students on all homework assignments, but do not grade all homework assignments. Give feedback on assignments designed to prepare for subsequent lessons or to practice/review concepts. Record a grade for assignments designed to evaluate student learning.