

POLICY

HOMEWORK

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1 POLICY

Schools must develop and implement a school homework policy in accordance with this policy.

School homework policies should be developed in consultation with the school council.

School homework policies must be regularly communicated to staff, parents/carers and students.

2 BUSINESS NEED

Relevant homework supports a student's educational program and is a key strategy for connecting learning at home and at school.

As part of promoting effective family-school partnerships it is necessary for schools to develop and implement a homework policy that meets the minimum standards set in this policy.

3 RESPONSIBILITIES

Principals

It is the responsibility of the principal, in consultation with the school council, to develop and implement a homework policy, and to ensure that the school community is aware of the policy and the respective roles and responsibilities contained within it.

Teachers

Teachers are responsible for setting and checking homework.

Regional Directors

Regional directors are responsible for ensuring that principals have adhered to the requirements of this policy.

4 COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

School homework policies should be readily available to the school community and students and parents/carers should be advised of class specific homework expectations at the beginning of the school year.

5 REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed every two years.

6 GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES

School homework policies should:

- ensure homework is appropriate to the student's age and stage of schooling,
- support the development of the student's independence as a learner,
- further the partnership between school and home,
- be relevant to individual student needs,
- be relevant to the curriculum, and
- address school specific strategies for communicating homework roles and responsibilities to staff, parents/carers and students.