

# Renton Jr. High

## Homework Policy

### **Homework & Makeup Work Plan**

Homework is important to student learning at Renton Junior High School. The purpose of this homework plan is to guide teachers, parents and students in ensuring that homework is meaningful and supports the learning experience for all students. It also provides a grading outline for the completion and grading of assignments.

### **Definition**

Homework is any activity or assignment directed by the teacher to be performed outside the classroom that may include practicing skills learned in class, reading, studying, projects, or completion of assignments.

### **Rules for Homework**

At Renton, we pledge that homework will consist of activities or assignments that students can complete independently with minimal adult help within a reasonable time allotment. Homework assignments are purposeful and relevant.

### **Doing Our Part: Teacher Guidelines**

All homework assignments will be posted on MiStar/ZANGLE in "Classroom News" the day they are assigned with due dates.

Homework will be reviewed, discussed and returned, if collected, in a timely manner keeping in mind that teachers work with over 100 students each day and assignments cannot be expected to be graded the day they are received.

Missing assignments will be identified on MiStar/ZANGLE when assignments are graded.

The teacher will (also) consider a student's Individualized Education Plan where appropriate in regards to homework.

## **Parent Guidelines**

It is suggested by the staff at Renton that families do the following to ensure that students are as successful as possible.

- Provide a quiet space and basic materials for homework completion.
- Teach techniques that can help children allocate their time wisely, meet their deadlines, and develop good personal study habits.
- Monitor time management and productivity.
- Review expectations and homework assignments with students as needed.
- Communicate with teachers as soon as possible when your student has demonstrated consistent difficulty on homework assignments.

## **Student Guidelines**

For students to be as successful as possible, it is recommended that they follow the following guidelines.

- Complete homework as assigned by the due date.
- Record assignments in agendas when assigned by your teacher.
- Ask questions before leaving class if you do not understand what is being asked of you.
- Use class time and time at home wisely to complete assignments.

## **Makeup Work**

If you anticipate your child being out of school for at least three days, then contact the school office in accordance with the policy set forth in the Renton Junior High School Student Handbook.

Students who miss school work because of an excused absence shall be given the opportunity to complete all assignments and tests that can be reasonably provided. As determined by the teacher, the assignments and tests shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the assignments and tests missed during the absence. Students shall receive full credit for work satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time.

Students suspended from school shall be given assignments to complete for full credit.

## **Grading Homework Assignments/Receiving Credit**

Homework assignments will have an appropriate due date when assigned. Students will receive credit based on the time allotment listed below:

- Turned in on due date: Student receives full credit of graded assignment.
- Turned in 1 to 5 days late: Student receives 70% of grade earned. The grade will be calculated as follows: Grade Earned multiplied by .7 = Grade Recorded (for example, if a student receives a 90% on the assignment, but turns it in 1 to 5 days late, their grade will be calculated like this;  $90 \times .7 = 63\%$ )
- Any assignment turned in more than 5 days late will not be given any credit. Completion of this homework is suggested to keep students on track with classroom learning.

\* Exceptions may be made at teacher's discretion.