North Crowley High School

Homework Philosophy, Guidelines and Standards

Philosophy

The objective of homework is to assist and improve learning - and to strengthen skills and understandings gained in the classroom. Homework is a valuable tool in the learning process; it is a natural extension of class work created and designed by the teacher. Research shows that homework increases student achievement. It offers teachers, parents and students the opportunity to be involved in and support the learning process outside of school.

To move our students forward in the learning process, North Crowley students will be given appropriate, relevant and meaningful homework.

Campus Guidelines and Standards

Homework will be assigned according to the following guidelines and standards:

- 1. Each homework assignment shall have a stated purpose (objective).
- 2. Each homework assignment shall have an estimated time of study and completion.
- 3. Each homework assignment shall be differentiated to challenge each student according to their academic capabilities.
- 4. Each homework assignment shall be designated as one or more of the following:
 - a. **Practice:** This type of homework is designed for students to reach a level of self-sufficiency in performing a learned skill previously introduced through previous instruction.
 - b. **Preparation:** This type of homework is designed for students to access prior knowledge and experiences about a topic to be learned or expanded upon.
 - c. **Elaboration/Extension/Enrichment:** This type of homework is designed to require students to conduct research, compare items, support a position or develop a graphic organizer of information.
 - d. **Reading:** This homework is designed for students to spend time reading to increase fluency and comprehension while preparing for discussions or key writing assignments.
 - e. **Study:** This homework is designed to require students to review material in notes and assignments to commit key information, ideas and concepts to long-term memory and to enhance understanding of a subject.
 - f. **Creativity/Authenticity:** This homework is designed for students to integrate and apply many skills and concepts learned in various disciplines.
- 5. The timely completion of each homework assignment shall be a shared responsibility of the student, parent and teacher in achieving the homework objective.