

Nazareth Area Middle School



Homework Policy

Homework is defined as student learning activities assigned by teachers for students to complete outside of class. The purpose of homework as a means to practice new skills, reinforce course concepts, expand upon classroom instruction, and build students' responsibility for their learning.

Since curriculum objectives and standards vary, each department should create a homework policy using the following criteria:

- a. Homework should not exceed 10% of the final trimester grade.
- b. Homework grading should be consistent within the grade/curricular area.
- c. Homework assignments must be clearly defined and linked to a learning objective/standard.
- d. Homework is never to be used as a means of punishment or be punitive when assigned.
- e. Homework assignments may take several forms and serve different purposes including practice, preparation, formative and extension. As a result, not all homework assignments will receive a grade. In addition, extension homework such as projects, essays, research papers, etc. that require multi-step assignments should not be included in the overall homework percentage.