

Homework policy

The administration, faculty, staff, students and parents of South Laurel Middle School should realize that homework is an essential and integral part of the student's education.

With this in mind, please note the following: If a student receives an excused absence, it shall be the student's responsibility to ask for make-up work from the teacher. The student will have one day to make up work missed for each day of school missed.

1. Homework assignments shall be kept reasonable and relative to the subject being studied. The following should be considered:
 - A. Students will probably have homework in other classes. When permissible, teachers may, at their discretion, devote a portion of class time to allow students to work on assignments under the teacher's supervision.
 - B. Students have other responsibilities and activities after school hours; therefore, the total workload should not be excessive.
 - C. Major assignments (i.e., term papers, research projects, book reports, etc.) need extra time for completion, possibly several weeks.
 - D. Students should be informed at the time the assignment is made as to when it will be due. Also, in the case of major assignments, students should be reminded periodically of the assignment and the due date and progress should be monitored.
 - E. Teachers may assign Behavior Management Assignment (BMA') as a tool to correct poor behavior or misconduct. The BMA should be related to the subject being studied. (Repetitive writing is not considered to be the most appropriate assignment.)
 - F. Individual teams may have additional homework criteria. These additional criteria will conform to the guidelines of this policy.
2. Evaluation and feedback on homework assignments shall be given. The teacher will be responsible for determining the amount of credit, if any, and the type of feedback to the student.
3. Students shall be responsible and do their best to see that homework assignments are completed correctly and turned in on time. If a student encounters difficulty in completion of a homework assignment, the student should bring this to the teacher's attention.
4. Parents should encourage their child to do all assignments to the best of the child's ability and to return these assignments to their teachers on time.
5. Homework assignments and classroom work, which are late, will be accepted by teachers. Teachers retain the right to reduce the value of the work as a penalty for being late. The penalty shall not exceed 5% of the total value of the assignment per day it is late. This does not apply to late assignments due to absence. Excused absences will be accepted at full value as stated in the District Code of Conduct.