

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Millburn Public Schools

INFORMATION ITEM

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To: Board of Education Members

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Subject: First Reading-Instruction - Policy 6:290

This policy has been updated to reflect the use of best practice in homework and reinforces that it is not to be used for disciplinary purposes.

Instruction

Homework

Homework is a necessary part of the District's instructional program. Homework is assigned to further a student's educational development and is an application or adaptation of a classroom experience. ¹ The Superintendent shall provide guidance to ensure that homework:

1. Is used to reinforce and apply previously covered concepts, principles, and skills;
2. Is not assigned for disciplinary purposes;
3. Serves as a communication link between the school and parents/guardians;
4. Encourages independent thought, self-direction, and self-discipline; and
5. Is of appropriate frequency and length, and does not become excessive, according to the teacher's best professional judgment.

¹ This policy's contents are at the local school board's discretion; a board should customize the list of standards for homework to reflect the district's practices.

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Teachers may give homework to students to aid in the student's educational development. Homework should be an application or adaptation of a classroom experience and should not be assigned for disciplinary purposes.

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