

## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

Regional School Unit 19 recognizes and supports the purposes of student homework as set forth in this policy.

Homework in all schools will be assigned to:

1. Reinforce and build upon the concepts and skills which are developed in a given lesson.
2. Develop skills, organization, and study habits.
3. To meet individual needs of student learners.
4. Assist students toward gaining good study habits, and in developing a sense of responsibility to assigned work.
5. Help teachers to monitor progress in learning outcomes which result from instruction.

All homework which is assigned to students must be:

1. Developmentally appropriate to the academic needs of students.
2. Developmentally appropriate as far as “load” is concerned.
3. Work which is consistent with Maine Learning Results objectives.

The Board of Directors of RSU 19 recognizes the importance of an appropriate amount of homework assigned to facilitate students in meeting standards. The Board also recognizes that students need to have time to spend with their families. In this light, teachers will take this balance into consideration when assigning homework for weekends and school vacations.

Each staff member will annually communicate the need, relevance, purposes, and expectations of homework.

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