

# Homework Tips for Parents

## MVSD School Board Homework Policy (BP 6164)

*"The Governing Board believes that homework should have a positive impact on students' learning, while not placing an undue burden on students and families. While the role of the district is to educate students, the Board recognizes the value of extracurricular activities that challenge students and enhance their education, along with unstructured time and adequate sleep for a healthy school/life balance. For these reasons, and using the current educational research as the guide, the Board recommends that students be assigned up to 60 minutes for 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 70 minutes for 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and 80 minutes for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This time excludes time spent on reading, projects, accelerated math courses, and/or instrumental practice. Homework may be assigned up to four days per week, per subject area, and will not be assigned during extended school breaks."*

## Teacher Responsibilities

- 1) Homework should be relevant to the day's lesson and/or designed for students to practice the concepts they learn in class.
- 2) Inform students know how much time they should be spending on a particular assignment.
- 3) Assign work that falls within the guidelines of the MVSD Board Policy
- 4) Give accurate and thorough instructions
- 5) Provide assistance to students and/or clarification to parents when needed

## Student Responsibilities

- 1) Complete all assignments within the teacher assigned time frame
- 2) Make-up any missed work in a timely manner (check website and see teacher when absent)
- 3) Record all assignments in "My Homework App" or personal planner
- 4) Ask your teacher for any help or clarification of a given assignment
- 5) Utilize all opportunities to complete homework at school such as Panther Time, lunch, before school in a teacher's classroom (with permission from teacher), after school in the library, and in class if given time to begin the assignment

## Parent Responsibilities

- 1) Check with students each night about their assignments and have them show you the completed work
- 2) Ensure students are completing their homework in a "common space" as opposed to their room, such as the kitchen/dining room table, desk in the family or living room, etc.
- 3) All electronic devices should be turned-off and put away such as iPods, iPhones, iPad, radios, or TV's *unless the assignment requires the use of such devices.*
- 4) Social media sites are not to be visited during homework time as they are a distraction when completing homework
- 5) If students are spending more than two hours a night when following these guidelines, contact the teachers and they will address concerns.