HOMEWORK

I. Homework assignments shall take into consideration the individual needs and academic abilities of the students. Routine work on skills, which have already been mastered, shall be avoided.

A. Homework assignments should generally be an outgrowth of classroom interests and activities. Holidays and weekends should ordinarily be free for outside activities. The student should always understand the purpose of the homework assignment and be certain as to what to do or what to look for.

1. Homework on holidays and weekends should be an extension of an ongoing required assignment or project.

2. Consideration should be given to the child’s outside activities and there should be a balance of homework among all content areas. Elementary: Ten (10) minutes per grade level. Secondary: Outside activities should be considered.

3. Summer assignments for courses are not encouraged.

B. Difficult or new work should always be thoroughly taught before home study is given. Homework assignments should be given and, if necessary, started in the classroom under supervision. Homework assignments should be acknowledged and checked and/or graded in a timely manner.

C. Teachers shall insist on high standards of work turned in by students. Accuracy, neatness, legibility, proper arrangement on the page, and correct spelling and punctuation are to be stressed.

D. Study habits should be taught by the teacher in order to promote a higher degree of benefit from homework.

E. Homework assignments that are viewed as punishment have no educational value and are discouraged.

F. Resources should be fair and equal access should be provided to all students for completion of assigned tasks.
G. Technology-based instruction, for example, blended learning format, may involve daily homework requirements to optimize learning needs in the classroom setting.

H. Additional time for homework may be required to fulfill mastery of Advanced Placement curriculum, International Baccalaureate program, and other accelerated honors courses. Summer assignments for courses are not encouraged, as set forth above.

I. Student mastery should be considered in daily homework assignments and aligned to standards.