

Bellevue-Santa Fe Charter School

Homework Policy

Definition:

Bellevue-Santa Fe Charter School (BSFCS) identifies homework as work that is assigned for completion or practice outside of the school day. Examples of BSFCS homework are routine assignments for practice (spelling, word work, math facts, reading, etc.), special project-based tasks, and the completion of classwork.

Intention of Design:

BSFCS educators employ a variety of instructional practices tailored to the content taught and desired outcomes for student learning. BSFCS believes that some concepts require efforts outside of the classroom environment to promote retention, individual growth towards grade-level standards, independence in work habits, home-school communication of content, and/or opportunities for enrichment. BSFCS recognizes that students differ in their areas of strength and challenge. A student's degree of foundational skill mastery in lower grades impacts independent performance towards content standards in upper grades. At BSFCS there is a progression of student accountability from Kindergarten through 6th Grade.

Grade-Level Progression:

The following is an overview of BSFCS homework continuum and time allotment. This is meant to serve as a guideline for information. Parents/Guardians who are observing homework in excess of the guidelines or who are desiring additional enrichment opportunities should contact the classroom teacher.

**As this these are general guidelines, accommodations and modifications for students with Independent Education Plans (IEPs) or Section 504s are not reflected in this policy. Parents/Guardians of children with IEPs or Section 504s, should include the Resource Specialist in communications regarding homework concerns.*

Kindergarten-1st Grades:

General Overview: The majority of homework is routine opportunities for practice.

General Time Allotment: 5-20 minutes

2nd-3rd Grades:

General Overview: The majority of homework is routine opportunities for practice. Accountability is mainly for specialty projects.

General Time Allotment: 15-30 minutes

4th-5th Grades:

General Overview: The majority of homework is routine assignments and specialty project completion. Accountability is mainly for homework completion and specialty projects.

General Time Allotment: 25-45 minutes

6th Grade:

General Overview: The majority of homework is completion of classwork and specialty projects.

Accountability is for the completion of all assignments.

General Time Allotment: 35-60 minutes