



Jordan Springs Public School

Homework Policy and Procedure

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Department of Education Policies	Related documents	Additional Resources
PD/2002/0003/V02 Homework Policy		Homework policy guidelines

Jordan Springs Public School Homework Policy

This policy statement sets out requirements for schools in relation to the development of homework policies. The implementation section includes purposes and principles, main types of homework and expectations for parents and caregivers, teachers and students.

1. Objectives - Policy statement

1.1 Schools, in consultation with their communities, are required to develop a school homework policy relevant to the needs of their students.

1.2 School homework policies must be communicated to staff, students, parents and caregivers, particularly at the time of student enrolment.

1.3 Homework will be educationally beneficial and will meet the realistic expectations of students, teachers, parents and caregivers.

At Jordan Springs Public School, we work in consultation with staff, students, parents and caregivers to determine the expectations around homework and its contents. This can be adjusted based on consultation and is at no times mandatory.

2. Audience and applicability

2.1 Schools; parents/guardians/caregivers.

3. Context

3.1 Homework is a valuable part of schooling. It allows for practicing, extending and consolidating work done in class. Homework provides training for students in planning and organising time and develops a range of skills in identifying and using information resources. Additionally, it establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline.

A Jordan Spring Public School, in consultation with our school community, it is identified that homework is a valuable part of schooling and is provided using Microsoft Teams OneNote, as well as a hard copy option, to mirror the delivery mode of teaching and learning.

4. Responsibilities and delegations

4.1 Principal

4.1.1 The principal is responsible for developing and implementing a school homework policy.

5. Monitoring, evaluation and reporting requirements

5.1 Group Leader, Learning Policy is responsible for monitoring the implementation of this policy and reviewing its effectiveness, at least every three years.

6. Contact

Leader, Primary Curriculum (02) 7814 3038.

Leader, Secondary Curriculum (02) 7814 2825.

Jordan Springs Public School Homework Guidelines

As outlined in the Homework Policy Guidelines document it is recommended that age-specific considerations be given,

Homework for Kindergarten-Year 2

In general, students are not expected to complete formal homework in Kindergarten. Students may be given books to read at home, as appropriate.

In Years 1 and 2 some formal homework may be set. For example, students might be asked to read and write, learn words for spelling and complete some mathematical activities.

Homework for Years 3-6

Homework in Years 3-6 may be varied, and students may be expected to work more independently. Students could be encouraged to read, and practise mathematical concepts learnt at school. Other homework may also be set across areas of the curriculum.

Furthermore, considerations around the quality and manageability need to be considered

Quality

- appropriate for each student's age and ability
- relevant to each student's needs
- purposeful and designed to meet specific learning goals
- varied and challenging, but achievable
- built on knowledge, skills and understanding developed in class
- clearly stated and requirements made explicit during class time
- supported by teacher strategies for students having difficulties with homework.

Homework tasks should be assigned by teachers with a specific, explicit learning purpose. On completion, teachers should acknowledge student effort and provide feedback related to student learning.

Manageability

- be age appropriate
- consider students' outside of school hours commitments, such as sport, cultural activities, tuition, parttime employment and home responsibilities
- consider students' access to resources and technology beyond school
- be clearly communicated to students
- provide some flexibility and options to allow for different student circumstances.

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Expectations of homework is made in consultation with

- Staff
- P&C Committee
- School Community
- Students

Responsibilities

Principals:

- Develop a Homework Policy, in consultation with their school community.
- Communicate the Homework Policy to staff students, parents/caregivers.
- Monitor and support teachers in the implementation of the Homework Policy.
- Ensure that homework is consistent with the school's learning goals.
- Support the need for balance between homework and the many other commitments in students' lives.
- Provide mechanisms for teachers and parents/caregivers to communicate about homework.
- Recognise that some parents/caregivers may not agree with the school policy on homework. This may necessitate the development of alternative strategies.

Teachers:

- Implement the school's Homework Policy.
- Communicate the purpose, benefits and expectations of homework to students and parents/caregivers.
- Acknowledge student effort in completing homework and provide timely and relevant feedback on achievement.
- Ensure resources and materials are easily accessible for students.
- Support students having difficulties with homework.
- Discuss with students and parents/caregivers any developing issues regarding a student's homework.
- Discuss homework practices with colleagues.

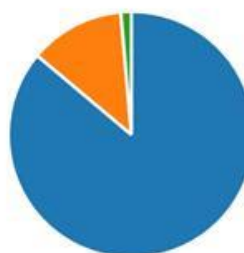
Outcome of community consultation

The community was surveyed in 2020 regarding their opinions around the importance of homework, the frequency of homework, the delivery of homework and the content of homework. The below graphs outline the responses provided by the community.

1. Do you believe homework is important?

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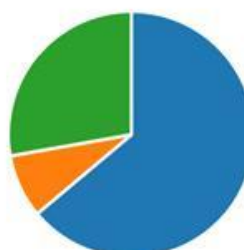
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No	9
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2. Do you believe homework should be:

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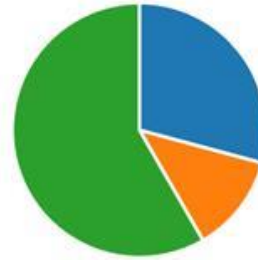
weekly	46
every now and then	6
based on student need	20



3. How would you like homework to be given?







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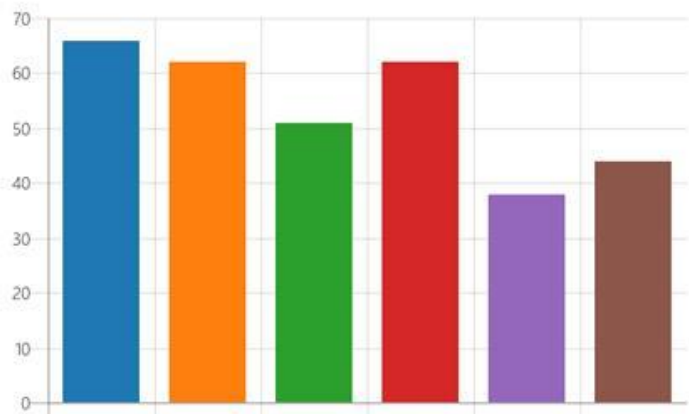
 written	21
 online	9
 both	42



4. Please indicate what homework you would like to see for your child:

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 reading	66
 spelling	62
 writing conventions	51
 maths	62
 other subject areas	38
 project based learning	44



Homework at Jordan Springs Public School will have similarities from K-6 as a result of community feedback. Homework will include;

- Reading
- Mathematics
- Spelling
- Writing Conventions
- Project based learning

At Jordan Springs Public School, we will provide students with the opportunity to complete homework tasks using OneNote or as a hard copy depending on the choice made by each family.


K-2 Homework

- Reading – Online access to reading books via PM eCollection
- Mathematics task – consolidates learning from content already covered in class time.
- Spelling - Sight words – lists will be individualised for each student. Once students have worked through all the sight word cards, they will move onto an individualised spelling list. Spelling lists to be determined by teachers within each grade.
- Writing Conventions – Phonics and Handwriting task which consolidate content already covered in class time.
- Project based learning – Choice board provides a variety of tasks that cover all Key Learning Areas.

3-6 Homework

- Reading – Online access to reading books via School Magazine.
- Mathematics task – consolidates learning from content already covered in class time.
- Spelling – Students will create an individualised spelling list of words Spelling lists to be determined by teachers within each grade.
- Writing Conventions – Writing task which consolidate content already covered in class time. These may be included in the Choice board.
- Project based learning – Choice board provides a variety of tasks that cover all Key Learning Areas.

Example template to be used both through OneNote and as a hard copy. K-2 will have a similar template to reflect their requirements.

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Homework Year X</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Term 4</h3>
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Aim to complete the following activities 3 times a week.

	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Read your School Magazine for 10 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Spelling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<h3 style="margin: 0;">Homework Choice Board</h3>

Aim to complete every challenge in the grid and write a reflection. You may like to complete each activity more than once.

Task: <input type="checkbox"/> Reflection:			
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Task: <input type="checkbox"/> Reflection:			