

Homework Tips

1. As an assignment, have students set up a special place at home to do homework. If the parents "sign off" on the special place or sends a picture, extra credit is given. For students who have no significant person at home, develop a workable strategy for that student.
2. Let students discuss how they like to study and what style fits them best. Do they like a quiet space? Do they like soft music? Do they like to snack?
3. Make sure that every student has at home as well as in their notebooks the phone numbers of students in their class who they could call regarding homework.
4. When sending "handouts" home, have the student show the handouts as an "exit pass." (Linda Wakefield)
5. Develop a "red line" system. When students reach their frustration point or "burn out frame," while doing their homework, parents can "red line" and sign the assignment. This helps the teacher get a better idea on the students' abilities. (Linda Wakefield)
6. Provide homework passes.

Provide each student with 3 late slips. These can be attached to any homework assignment that cannot be turned in on time. Any unused cards may be turned in at the end of the marking period for extra credit.

7. Homework should be checked for process and answers.
8. Assign homework at the beginning of class
9. Use overhead projector to check homework.
10. Be sure students can complete homework independently.
11. Relate homework to student's environment
12. Give credit for passing in homework even if not correct.
13. Number assignments in order of completion
14. Be sure easier assignments are completed first
15. Provide 3 late slips for assignments...not forgiven...but can be turned in late.
16. Provide a script for parents. (Karen Fleisch)
17. Preview new material.
18. On parent sign off sheet, ask if they would like a copy of notes, etc. (Sue Unger)
19. Alternate home assignments...book one day, worksheets the next, etc. (Jane Shike & Ann Toal)
20. Consider no grades on minor homework.