

## INSTRUCTION

File: IKB-R

### HOMEWORK

1. All schools shall follow the guidelines for homework in Policy IKB. The guidelines include the following:
  - A. Homework should be assigned after an introduction and thorough explanation of the skills necessary to complete the assignment successfully.
  - B. Homework should be assigned in such a manner that it will be clearly understood by all students.
  - C. Homework should serve a valid purpose and be closely related to current classroom activities.
  - D. A student's access to resource materials should be considered when making homework assignments.
  - E. Homework should be evaluated promptly and returned to the student. Appropriate recognition should be given to those students who successfully complete assigned work. Effort and competency should be recognized.
  - F. Teachers should seek to determine the causes if a student regularly fails to do assigned work. Teachers should not avoid giving homework because they believe students will not do the work.
  - G. Excessive homework and the absence of homework should be avoided.
  - H. Homework should not be used for disciplinary purposes.
  - I. Principal and teachers should take appropriate steps to communicate with parents regarding the school's homework policy and solicit their support.
2. Homework shall be evaluated by ordinary academic standards of substance and relevance and against other legitimate pedagogical concerns identified by the school.
3. A Homework Guidance Document shall be disseminated to all schools to provide guidance on homework for students.
4. A copy of the Homework Guidance Document will be located on the CCS website.

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Legal References: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, section 22.1-78.  
Cross Reference: IB Academic Freedom