

# G. C. Burkhead Elementary School

## SBDM Council Policy

### Policy Number 08.08

## **G. C. Burkhead Homework Policy**

This policy has been developed to provide guidelines for the assignment of homework to students and is intended to serve only as a guide to teachers.

Homework is defined as assignments to be completed outside the classroom to reinforce class instruction, increase understanding and retention, transfer and extend classroom instruction, prepare for class discussion, and provide curriculum enrichment opportunities.

It should be recognized that not all homework takes the form of written assignments. Some homework, especially in the primary program, should involve students in reading to their parents and vice versa or taking part in cultural and creative activities.

## **Teacher Responsibilities**

1. Teachers will assign homework at their discretion.
2. Although there may be exceptions, it is suggested that K-2 students should have no more than a total of thirty minutes of homework per night and 3-5 students should have no more than a total of sixty minutes of homework per night.
3. Assigned homework will reinforce instruction accomplished in class; it will not introduce new or unfamiliar concepts or skills.
4. Teachers shall review and evaluate homework assignments and provide students with quality feedback.
5. Teachers shall decide the degree to which homework affects student assessment.
6. Teachers shall provide clear, concise directions for the completion of homework assignments.
7. Parental concerns about homework should be discussed with the child's teacher.

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