

# School-Based Decision Making

**School:** Phillis Wheatley Elementary

**Subject of the Policy:** Homework

## Policy Statement

Homework assignments for primary students at our school should be aligned to the school's improvement plan.

**Primary grades:** Up to 20 minutes.

- Teaching teams at each level shall collaborate to coordinate ensuring that homework does not exceed 20 minutes per day.
- Classroom teachers shall follow up on any parents or student requests for assistance with homework assignments.

Homework is an extension of classroom instruction and may consist of additional practice of skills taught during classroom instruction, parent-child activities that contribute to classroom units, and daily reading logs that record the time students spend reading at home. Teachers will monitor homework completion and habits of individual students. Students in the primary program will not be given letter grades for homework. Students who consistently return completed homework may be rewarded. Students who miss school will make up classroom assignments only.

**Intermediate grades:** Up to 30-40 minutes.

- Teaching teams at each level shall collaborate to coordinate ensuring that homework does not exceed 40 minutes per day.
- Classroom teachers shall follow up on any parents or student requests for assistance with homework assignments.

Homework is an extension of classroom instruction and may consist of additional practice of skills taught during classroom instruction, parent-child activities that contribute to classroom units, and daily reading logs that record the time students spend reading at home. Teachers will monitor homework completion and habits of individual students. Students in the intermediate grades may be given letter grades for homework, but the points given for homework may not exceed 20 percent of the total grade for any subject area. Students who consistently return completed homework may be rewarded. Students who miss school will have the opportunity to make up classroom assignments.

**Date of First Reading: 10/23/13**

**Date of Second Reading: 11/26/13**

**Date Adopted: 11/26/13**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(SBDM Council Chairperson)