

## HARRISON ELEMENTARY SBDM Homework Policy

Homework assignments should be made to reinforce learning and should serve as practice or enrichment. This policy sets forth minimum requirements and achievement guidelines for the use of homework at Harrison Elementary. Further, best practice guidelines directing homework assignments at Harrison are established; however, it is left to the discretion of the teacher to assign homework that supports the continued achievement of the students in his/her charge within these guidelines. It is expected that all students will complete homework assignments and failing to do so will result in consequences as outlined in our School Discipline Policy #3.

### **Achievement Guidelines:**

- Homework scores shall not impact the overall grade of a student in any subject area by more than one letter grade in either direction from an A to a B; however, a student shall not receive an overall letter grade of F due to a homework score.
- Students will be given a participation grade for completing homework.

### **Minimum Homework Requirement**

- All students (KDG - 5th grade) are assigned a monthly reading log to monitor their independent reading at home. Students in Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> should read for at least 15 minutes each day and students in 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> should read for at least 20 minutes.
- All grade levels (KDG - 5<sup>th</sup>) should be assigned a weekly spelling/vocabulary list and students should practice their sight words each week.
- In math, assignments of 3-5 minutes of independent practice on a mastered skill are assigned as necessary.

### **Best Practice Guidelines**

- Core content assignments may be made (i.e., memorize the states and capitals) at the discretion of the teacher; however, they should not be time intensive or require additional adult help. Assignment length: not more than 20 minutes each content area with a combined total of 1 hour for homework completion in for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and 40 minutes for Kindergarten through third grade.
- Homework should not be assigned in lieu of classroom instruction.