

HOMework UPDATE

FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
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AGENDA

- ▶ Brief history
- ▶ Implementation process and expectations
- ▶ Data
 - Elementary Schools
 - Middle Schools
 - High School
- ▶ Next Steps

BRIEF HISTORY

- ▶ Identification of inconsistent homework practices
- ▶ School Committee developed a revised SC Policy
- ▶ Formation of study group with purpose to align practices to SC Policy and research-based best practices
- ▶ Developed Homework Guidelines for consistency of practices
- ▶ Implementation 2019-2020 with committee to monitor and revise as needed

IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS AND EXPECTATIONS

Homework Committee (reduced meetings)

- ▶ Monitoring feedback from staff
- ▶ Communication to and from staff

Surveys

- ▶ After December break
- ▶ Again after April break

Addressing inconsistencies found in data

Will consider any needed revisions

ELEMENTARY FAMILIES (349 RESPONSES)

Question	%Yes/Positive	% No/Negative	% Not Sure or Sometimes
Guideline times adhered to	89.1	4.9	6.0
Experience with guideline times	71.3	7.8	20.9
Thanksgiving homework assigned	1.2	97.7	1.2
December homework assigned	2.3	96.8	0.9

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS (47 RESPONSES)

Question	%Yes/Positive	% No/Negative	% Not Sure or Sometimes
Guideline times adhered to	97.9	0	2.1
Experience with guideline times	93.6	0	6.4
Thanksgiving homework assigned	0	100	0
December homework assigned	0	100	0

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES (257 RESPONSES)

Question	%Yes/Positive	% No/Negative	% Not Sure or Sometimes
Guideline times adhered to	79.8	10.5	9.7
Experience with guideline times	69.4	8.2	21.9
Thanksgiving homework assigned	1.6	94.9	3.5
December homework assigned	2.7	94.9	2.3

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS (758 RESPONSES)

Question	%Yes/Positive	% No/Negative	% Not Sure or Sometimes
Complete homework within guideline times	48.2	5.5	46.2
Thanksgiving homework assigned	3.3	96.7	0
December homework assigned	4.9	95.1	0

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS (45 RESPONSES)

Question	%Yes/Positive	% No/Negative	% Not Sure or Sometimes
Guideline times adhered to	100	0	0
Experience with guideline times	86.7	0	13.3
Thanksgiving homework assigned	0	100	0
December homework assigned	0	100	0

HIGH SCHOOL FAMILIES (300 RESPONSES)

Question	%Yes/Positive	% No/Negative	% Not Sure or Sometimes
Guideline times adhered to	76.2	11.1	12.8
Experience with guideline times	51.7	9.1	39.2
Thanksgiving homework assigned	11.4	81.9	6.7
December homework assigned	12.4	83.9	3.7

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (42) RESPONSES)

Question	%Yes/Positive	% No/Negative	% Not Sure or Sometimes
Complete homework within guideline times	22.0	15.6	62.4
Thanksgiving homework assigned	18.6	81.4	0
December homework assigned	21.1	78.9	0

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS (57 RESPONSES)

Question	%Yes/Positive	% No/Negative	% Not Sure or Sometimes
Guideline times adhered to	98.2	1.8	0
Experience with guideline times	70.9	1.8	27.3
Thanksgiving homework assigned	1.8 (1 teacher)	98.2	0
December homework assigned	3.5 (2 teachers)	96.5	0

NARRATIVE COMMENTS

- ▶ Overall - comments were supportive and respondents grateful for the changes
- ▶ Some inconsistency with homework times: For some students homework took too long and for others not long enough
- ▶ Conflicting messages: “You must eliminate homework” vs “You must increase homework”
- ▶ Largely positive agreement about homework-free vacations

NEXT STEPS

- ▶ Continue to address inconsistencies with the principals
 - Shared survey results
 - Administrative meeting at end of January
- ▶ Continue to monitor implementation and maintain communication with all
 - Parent Education night 3/18 with snow date of 3/25 (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM)
- ▶ Will survey after April break
- ▶ Will consider any needed revisions

THANKS!



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