

Homework Policy (Proposed)

Erpenbeck Elementary

Purpose:

The purpose of homework at Erpenbeck Elementary School is to:

- Provide students with an opportunity to independently practice and reinforce skills learned in class either that day or during a current academic unit.
- Assist students in developing time-management skills.
- Assist students in developing self-reliance and responsibility skills.

Time:

Primary First Year Students (P1) (kindergarten) may have an average of 10 minutes per day of homework. Primary Second Year Students (P2) (first grade), Third Year (P3) (second grade) may have an average of 30 minutes per day of homework, not to exceed three (3) hours per week. Primary Third Year Students (P4) (third grade) and/or Primary Fifth Year Students (P5) may have an average of 45 minutes per day of homework, not to exceed four (4) hours per week. Intermediate students, Grades four (4) and five (5), may have an average of one (1) hour per day of homework, not to exceed six (6) hours per week, including weekends.

Communication:

Students in grades 2-5 at Erpenbeck Elementary will be issued an agenda each school year. This is the primary means of communication between students, parents, and teachers regarding homework. If homework questions arise that cannot be solved through the agenda, the parents and the teacher should communicate for the benefit of the student's achievement before it affects the student's success.

Mustang Minutes Program

Effective January 17, 2013, a homework completion program, entitled **Mustang Minutes**, will be instituted at Erpenbeck Elementary. The purpose of the Mustang Minutes program supports our belief that homework should be immediate, additional practice of previously learned material and should help students develop self-reliance and time management skills. Mustang Minutes is not detention, but an opportunity for students to complete assignments they have missed, reinforcing to our students the importance of one of our schoolwide guidelines – being responsible.

Audience:

Kindergarten: Non-applicable

1st Grade: Non-applicable

2nd Grade: Will begin program as needed the last trimester of the school year; Missing Homework Reminder Slips will be given for the first two trimesters for Informational purposes only

3rd – 5th Grade: Applicable for full school year

Mustang Minutes Guidelines:

In the event of a missing or incomplete homework assignment, the student will be issued a Mustang Minutes reminder slip by the teacher. The student must return the missing/incomplete homework AND the signed Mustang Minutes reminder slip to school the following day. If the homework is returned with a signed reminder slip, no consequences are given. However, if the child does not return the homework after a reminder slip has been issued, a Mustang Minutes referral will be completed by the teacher and sent home to the parents. Additionally, contact will be made to the parents explaining that the student will need to stay after school one afternoon during the current week to complete the homework that was not turned in on time.

- Mustang Minutes will occur Monday through Thursday from 3:45 – 4:45 P.M.
- A teacher will be the facilitator of these sessions.
- If the student is not present for Mustang Minutes, the teacher facilitator will contact the homeroom teacher, who will reschedule the session with the parent.
- Two no-shows to Mustang Minutes will constitute an afterschool detention where a member of the administrative team will schedule this with the parent.
- Students who have received repetitive Mustang Minutes reminder slips for missing or incomplete homework may be assigned a Mustang Minutes session.

Sessions/Facilitators:

These sessions will be facilitated by Ms. Poe and Mr. Holloway per the schedule below:

DAY	TIME	HOMEWORK TUTOR
Monday	3:45 – 4:45 PM	Ms. Poe
Tuesday	3:45 – 4:45 PM	Mr. Holloway
Wednesday	3:45 – 4:45 PM	Ms. Poe
Thursday	3:45 – 4:45 PM	Mr. Holloway