

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 2330, *HOMEWORK*

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

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The School Board's Homework policy was last revised on June 17, 2015, to—among other things—provide meaningful guidelines to principals, teachers, students, and parents with respect to homework and its essential function in student learning, and to address the ever-present concern of excessive homework. As Board Policy 2330 states, it should be revised “as needed,” and such revisions should be informed by research.

Board Policy 2330 currently provides the following guidelines for the amount of time that students in every grade level should spend on homework: that may be required on a daily basis

Schools, when implementing this homework policy, should consider these guidelines as daily averages. The recommended minutes include assignments for all subject areas and teachers collectively per school day:

- A. K-1: thirty (30) minutes;
- B. 2-3: forty-five (45) minutes;
- C. 4-5: sixty (60) minutes;
- D. 6-7-8: seventy-five (75) minutes;
- E. 9-12: 120 minutes.

These times do not reflect the additional thirty (30) minutes required for reading. Reading is a universal skill that relates to all subjects. When specific homework assignments are not given, or when the homework assignment is completed in an expeditious manner, every student will read, minimally, for the amount of time specified in this policy.

In spite of these guidelines, parents continue to raise concerns over the amount of time that students must spend on a daily basis completing their assigned homework. Parents of students in Kindergarten to Eighth (8th) grade have raised the highest level of concern, some expressing their belief that the amount of time spent on homework by their children may be having a deleterious effect on them during their tender years. With these renewed concerns from parents, it may be appropriate to again review Board Policy 2330 to ascertain whether additional revisions may necessary, particularly for students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

This item is being presented for the Board's consideration to request that the Superintendent, review Board Policy 2330 and recommend appropriate revisions, if any, to address continued concerns of students in kindergarten to eighth grade being subjected to excessive homework.

This Item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorneys' Office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to review School Board Policy 2330, *Homework*, and recommend appropriate revisions, if any, to address continued concerns of excessive homework for students in Kindergarten through Eighth grade.