

MAKE-UP WORK (Policy 6014)

- In the event of an excused absence, students are expected to make up work missed within a reasonable time. (Suspensions are unexcused absences)
- In the event of an unexcused absence, one day of makeup time shall be allowed for each day of unexcused absence, if the following conditions are met. The parent of a student or a student with an unexcused absence must submit a written request to the teacher to makeup the work and must participate in an appropriate intervention (e.g., student or parent conference with the teacher, Saturday school, online tutorial, other appropriate intervention determined and scheduled by the teacher).
- For absences due to long-term suspension (over 10 days)/expulsion, the program of making up work shall be in accordance with state law.

When suspending long-term:

- Students should only be suspended for lengths that will allow them to utilize the alternative school setting (i.e., length of a grading period, 45-180 days). Otherwise to ensure that we are protecting students academically, suspensions will need to remain in the short-term range (i.e., 1-10 days).
- Irregular suspension lengths are strongly discouraged/unsupported and are detrimental to a student's academic success (i.e. 11, 15, 22 days). Students who receive such consequences will find it nearly impossible to recover academically. Some allowances may be reconsidered for serious school violations that occur during the last month or so of school.
- Students should be allowed to take major exams or standardized assessments at alternate times (arranged by school administration).

In short, schools should work to protect the academic well being of students even when redirecting negative behavior through the use of consequences. Students should be allowed to make-up major assignments following the various policy guidelines above. All schools are encouraged to develop an appropriate intervention program that will address the academic needs of students who have challenging behavior. For more details or clarity regarding these matters, feel free to contact Dr. JB Blocker at blockerj@scsk12.org.