

Board Update / Discussion

Homework & Out of School Learning
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What we know from Research and Experience

- Daily reading is key
- Development of organizational work habits and self-discipline are crucial
- Family time, play time, and down time are all important
- Teacher coordination is THE key at middle school
- Math (but especially if taking compacted pathway) requires more time and practice

Areas of General Agreement Among Teachers and Parents

- “Tailored” pace & place makes sense in theory, but currently feels overwhelming to implement
- Learning, regardless of where, should be meaningful and purposeful
- Emphasize students’ ownership /critical life skills
- We want our students to be prepared for success in high school and beyond

Emerging Themes Needing to be Addressed

- Don't lose (in fact, increase!) opportunity for parents to know what child is learning and what struggles are
- Desire for school-wide coordination and district-wide consistency of expectations
- Want “homework” to be valued, reviewed, and incorporated into school day
- How will teachers find time for and manage personalized/tailed system?
- How to get in all we need to cover?

Q & A