# Guidelines when not providing homework – K–12 exemplar

**Purpose**: this exemplar supports school leaders in planning and developing homework guidelines. It is designed to be adapted to the specific needs of individual schools and aligns with the suggested structure provided on the [Homework](https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/going-to-school/learning-resources/homework) webpage.

## Rationale

The NSW Department of Education’s [Curriculum policy standards](https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2005-0290) require that schools develop homework guidelines in consultation with key community stakeholders, including parents and carers, students and teachers. Schools must develop homework guidelines that communicate the school’s position on providing homework for students.

### Consultation

In 2024, **Mountain Top Central School** engaged its wider community to determine the most appropriate approach to homework for its school context. This consultation included:

* distributing a survey to parents and carers, students, and teachers to gather feedback on homework preferences and options
* principal-led presentations at Parent and Citizens Association (P&C) and the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Incorporated (NSW AECG Inc) meetings on **16 September 2024**
* reviewing survey feedback with the school’s homework committee
* developing draft homework guidelines, prepared by the homework committee and endorsed by the principal
* presenting the draft guidelines to P&C and NSW AECG Inc for feedback and endorsement for implementation in 2025.

### Homework guidelines statement

**Mountain Top Central School** will not include planned and monitored homework as part of its learning program for students. However, teachers may encourage students to engage in activities such as revision and/or regular home reading to support their learning.

## Monitoring, evaluation and review

The homework guidelines will be implemented from Term 1 2025 at **Mountain Top Central School**.

A formal review and evaluation of the guidelines will be conducted in 2029, unless otherwise communicated by the principal.

Table 1 – policy review and approval

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| Action | Date or person |
| Guidelines last reviewed | October 2024 |
| Consultation | P&C, NSW AECG Inc, homework committee, parent and carer survey, school executive, student representative council (SRC) |
| Endorsed by | P&C |
| Approved by | Principal – John Smith |
| Next scheduled review date | 2029 |

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