

HOMEWORK POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Philosophy and Purpose - The Tussey Mountain School District believes homework to be beneficial to a student's total educational experience. Homework increases and reinforces classroom learning, develops independence, self-discipline and good work habits. Cooperation and communication between the home and the school are essential if educational assignments are to become significant. All assignments missed during excused absences will be extended for the period of the absence unless prior arrangements have been made with the teacher.

ASSIGNMENTS - ROLES OF PARENTS AND STUDENTS

The Tussey Mountain School District believes that cooperation and communication between the home and school are essential if home assignments are to make a significant contribution to a child's education. In 2011-2012, all students in grade 6 will be required to maintain an assignment notebook as provided by the school district. All parents are asked to review and sign the notebook daily. Parents are encouraged to check their students' assignments and progress through Progress Book **which can be accessed at the district website – www.tmsd.net**.

TITLE I

Title I is a federally funded school-wide program whereby allocated monies are provided to school districts for the purpose of supplementing instruction in reading, math, and language arts. A reading program is offered in grades K-6 and a math program in grades 1-6. There exists within the district a Title I Parent Advisory Council, which meets at the district level and at the building level once a year. Please try to attend these meetings, particularly if you have a child in Title I. Any questions pertaining to Title I program may be directed to Mr. Wayland Heath at 635-2934.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS OF TITLE I TEACHERS AND PARAPROFESSIONALS

As a parent of a student who attends a school receiving Title I funds, you have a right under federal law to request information about the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child and the paraprofessionals who assist them. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 gives you the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers and their paraprofessional assistants:

- Whether the state has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency license or other provisional status by which state licensing criteria have been waived.
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any instructional aides or paraprofessionals provide services to your child and their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact the Superintendent's Office, Tussey Mountain S.D., 199 Front Street, Saxton, PA 16678 or call 814-635-3670.