## Completing Homework Assignments at Edward R Murrow High school

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The Six Steps of the Public Policy Analyst (PPA)

1. Define the Problem
2. Gather the Evidence
3. Identify the Causes
4. Evaluate an Existing Policy
5. Develop Solutions

6. Select the Best Solution (Feasibility vs.

Effectiveness)

## Step 1: Define the Problem



Homework is a task that seems to be neglected by most students. Either the student forgets, or does not want to be bothered and therefore is not completed the majority of the time.

Homework:is a set of tasks assigned to students by their teachers to be completed at home. Common homework assignments may include required reading, a writing or typing project, mathematical exercises to be completed, information to be reviewed before a test, or other skills to be practiced.

## Step 2: Gather the Evidence

- Google classroom and the class average for homework for all four of my classes.

MRS AMIN'S SPRING 2024 HW DATA

| Classes | HW Completion by <br> deadline | HW Completion <br> eventually |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Biology Regents Pd 2 | $50 \%$ | $62 \%$ |
| Biology Regents Pd 3 | $33 \%$ | $33 \%$ |
| Biology Regents Pd 5 | $32 \%$ | $54 \%$ |
| AP Biology Pd 7\&8 | $98 \%$ | $100 \%$ |



## Step 3: Identify the Causes

## it's all about the money

## A Socioeconomic Issue

- No one home to check if its completed because a parent may need to work two jobs to make ends meet. Both parents need to work to make ends meet.
- Families can't afford electronics and internet.



## Step 4: Evaluate an Existing Policy

- No mandate by the department of education on the amount of homework a school gives.
- Each school has its own policy (ranges from elementary to high school)
- My school, my department, is $10 \%$ of the overall grade.
- As their teacher I give about three homework assignments a week They are videos no longer than 8 minutes and have multiple choice questions to answer embedded in the video. Student automatically receives their grade.



## Step 5: Develop Solutions



- Put reminders on their phone
- Set up a time to connect with a friend in the evening to work on it together
- Provide computer rooms after school to complete homework assignments
- Provide community centers with computers and internet
- Give each child a computer to keep home and allow for very inexpensive internet for homes with school children


## Step 6: Select the Best Solution

Feasibility

|  |  | High | Medium |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| High |  | Set up study time | -Provide community <br> centers with computers <br> and free internet. <br> -Homes with free <br> internet and devices for <br> school children |
| Effectiveness | Medium |  | After school computer <br> rooms |
|  | Low | Phone reminders |  |

## Activity

-Create a group of 4 students

- Pick a social issue your group would like to tackle and use this slideshow as your guidance on what to address.
-Create individual slides for every step of the PPA. Use references and link them to the slides. Do not forget to use specific data for your specific issue.


