

File: IKB - HOMEWORK

The purpose of homework includes, but is not limited to: reinforcement of what was learned in class, keeping students' memories refreshed during long spans of time between classes, increasing student engagement in their schoolwork, and positively impacting students' grades. Efforts should be made to minimize distractions while students are completing homework. The time limits outlined below are intended to be focused time in which the student is actively engaged in academic tasks.

Homework Time Limits (Total Amount of Homework Assigned not to Exceed These Time Limits to Complete):

- Kindergarten: No homework
- 1st Grade: 10 Minutes
- 2nd Grade: 20 Minutes
- 3rd Grade: 30 Minutes
- 4th Grade: 40 Minutes
- 5th Grade: 50 Minutes
- 6th Grade: 60 Minutes
- 7th Grade: 70 Minutes
- 8th Grade: 80 Minutes
- 9th Grade: 90 Minutes
- 10th Grade: 100 Minutes
- 11th Grade: 110 Minutes
- 12th Grade: 120 Minutes

Homework Guidelines:

- The amount of homework assigned on a weekend should not exceed that of a weeknight.
- With the exception of AP level courses, the amount of homework that is assigned over December, February, and April breaks should not exceed that of a weeknight.
- Homework cannot be assigned during MCAS and ACCESS testing for those testing.
- Increased consideration and exemptions should be given for religious holidays and Observances.
- Homework is not to be given on days listed in the School Calendar as "No Homework Days" otherwise known as Family and Neighbors Nights
- Students can ask for an extension on an assignment with appropriate reasoning.
- Giving an extension is up to the teacher's discretion.
- Attention should be paid to the expected time commitment for homework assignments. (For example, if a student has 20 minutes of homework for each class per night, and 6 classes, they will be spending around 2 hours on homework per night.)

Responsibilities:

Teachers/Administrators:

- Have administration review homework policy with current teachers and new hires.

- Have teachers or administrators review homework policy with students.
- Plan the homework assignments out for students to avoid overload and make assignment dates accessible.
- Assign homework that is meaningful and useful to students' understanding of the subject matter.
- Continuously remind and encourage students to work on long term assignments, so that they are not completed at the last minute.
- Encourage students to record their homework assignments and due dates.
- Comment upon, grade, or acknowledge in some way each assignment.
- State student responsibilities relating to homework time commitments and instructions for accessing missed work in course expectations/syllabus.

Students:

- Complete the homework that the teacher assigns by the required deadline.
- Do not copy the homework of others.
- Communicate with the teacher directly or through email if there is an issue regarding the completion of homework.
- The student is responsible for remembering, recording, and planning adequate time for their homework.
- Gather materials necessary for the completion of the assignment.
- Ask for clarification or help if an assignment is not understood.
- Plan adequate time for long term assignments.
- Take accountability for work missed when absent from class.