

## Homework Policy

### Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

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In addition to regular classroom assignments, we would like each young child to read, or be read to, at least three times a week and preferably every day. As cited in a *A Nation at Risk*, “the single most important factor for determining whether children will go to college is being read to as a child.” Going to college is not necessarily a goal for everyone, but becoming a life-long learner should be if one hopes to remain competitive throughout one’s lifetime. We believe that becoming a competent reader is critical to being a good student and a first step to being able to explore the world. By reading to your child you encourage your child’s growth and strengthen family ties. By making sure your child is reading at home you are directly contributing to his education. By reading in front of your children, you model good habits and reinforce your expectations.

#### Time Allocation

The designated times serve as a guideline and may vary depending on the work assigned on a given day, the schedule, the student’s organizational skills and study habits, and the nature of the assignments. Students are expected to learn how to use their time effectively to complete the required work at each grade level. Parents are expected to support their children in this endeavor. Advanced or honors classes may require additional homework time.

	Kindergarten	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
Average nightly load	5-15 minutes plus family reading time <i>Starting in November</i>	15-25 minutes plus family reading time	25-35 minutes plus reading time	35-45 minutes plus reading time	45-60 minutes plus reading time	60-75 minutes plus reading time

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## Middle School and High School

Homework is an essential part of education. It prepares students for high school and college and for entry into the working world upon graduation. It also helps develop a strong work ethic and personal organizational skills. Homework should be an opportunity for practice or for acquisition of background material. Parents are not expected to “teach” material to students. Parents should be supportive of this policy by providing a suitable, quiet place to work, free from intrusion by other family members and the various media.

### Time Allocation

The guidelines are based upon an average student on an average night. The Guidelines below assume each student uses his/her in-class and in-school study time wisely. Parents should realize that students taking advanced courses, such as Algebra and Geometry in Middle School, or Advanced Placement (AP) courses in High School *will* exceed the timelines below. Students taking one or more AP courses should expect considerably more than 2 hours of homework each day.

	Middle School Average Student	Middle School Advanced Student	High School Average Student	High School Advanced Student
Average nightly load	1-1.5 hours	1.5-2 hours	1.5-2 hours	2-3+ hours

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