

Homework

I. TYPES

- A. **Short-term assignments** are to be completed by the next class period. They are intended to reinforce that which has been presented in class or prepare the student for the next day's class.
- B. **Long-term assignments** are spread over a number of days or weeks. Long-term assignments often require students to apply information and skills that have been learned to new situations or to problem solving. Teachers should check student progress towards completing long-term assignments periodically.
- C. **Study:** Students are expected to review class notes and texts on a regular basis to increase their understanding and retention of what has been learned in class.

II. EVALUATION

- A. Teachers should regularly verify that homework has been completed. Homework that is handed in should be evaluated and returned to the students within a short period of time after its completion.
- B. If homework is to be counted as part of the student's grade in a subject, students should be informed of the relative value of homework in the grading process.

III. TIME GUIDELINES

- A. **Regularity of Homework:** Homework (short-term, long-term, and/or study assignments) should be assigned in all subjects, but the regularity of the assigning of homework will vary depending on the grade level and the subject.
 - 1. **Kindergarten - Grade 2:** homework will be assigned every week but need not be assigned every day.
 - 2. **Grades 3 - 5:** students should expect homework in one or more of the core subjects on a daily basis.
 - 3. **Grades 6-12:** students should expect homework in all subjects. In the core subjects and foreign language, students should expect to spend time on homework on a daily basis. The regularity of homework in other subjects will vary depending on the nature of the curriculum and the projects and activities required.

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III. TIME GUIDELINES (continued)

B. Amount of Homework: The following represents the approximate amount of time the average student will need daily to complete homework at specific grade levels:

1. **Kindergarten:** 10-15 minutes per day on average when homework is assigned
2. **Grades 1 and 2:** 15 to 30 minutes per day on average when homework is assigned
3. **Grades 3 - 5:** 20 to 50 minutes per day on average
4. **Grades 6 - 8:** 60 - 90 minutes per day on average
5. **Grades 9 - 12:** 90 - 180 minutes per day on average

The preceding time guides should not preclude long-range assignments which teach the students to budget time over a period of several days, a week, or longer. In such cases, some students may choose to spend more time on a long-range assignment one day and less on another day.

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