

Homework Policy

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Guidelines for the Assignment of Homework and Responsibilities of Students, Staff and Parents

I. Purpose:

Homework contributes toward building responsibility, self-discipline and lifelong learning habits. It is the intention of the Noble Academy staff to assign relevant, challenging and meaningful homework assignments that reinforce classroom learning objectives daily. Homework should provide students with the opportunity to apply information they have learned, complete unfinished class assignments, and develop independence. Homework grades are modified based on students' individual needs (i.e. IEP, 504 Plans).

Homework assignments include:

- **Practice** exercises to follow classroom instruction
- **Preview** assignments to prepare for subsequent lessons
- **Extension** assignments to transfer new skills or concepts to new situations
- **Creative** activities to integrate many skills toward the production of a response or product

II. Time

Actual time required to complete assignments will vary with each student's study habits, academic skills, and selected course load. If your child is spending an inordinate amount of time doing homework, you should contact your child's teachers. Our basic expectation for homework is as follows:

K-1st Grade- 30 minutes every night
2nd-3rd Grade- 30-45 minutes every night
4th-5th grade- 45-60 minutes every night
6th-8th Grade- 60-90 minutes every night

If your child does not receive homework daily contact Mr. Neal Thao, school principal. Students are encouraged to pursue non-assigned, independent, leisure reading.

III. Late Work Policies

Students are expected to turn work in on time. Students who turn in late assignments on a consistent basis will receive any of the following based upon individual teacher discretion or grade level policy.

- **partial credit**
- **no credit**
- **missed reward activity**
- **communication with parents**
- **after school detention**

Students who miss homework because of an absence will receive the opportunity to make up missed work. Students are given one calendar day for each day absent plus one extra day to turn in their work. It's the students' responsibility to get work missed due to illness or absence.

IV. Major Projects

Major Projects include research reports, book reports, major essays, and other assignments teachers designate as major projects. Work on these projects may exceed the maximum minutes per night. Your child will have at least one major project a month.

Responsibilities of Staff:

- Assign relevant, challenging and meaningful homework that reinforces classroom learning daily
- Give clear instructions and make sure students understand the purpose
 - Give feedback and/or correct homework
 - Communicate with other teachers
 - Involve parents and contact them if a pattern of late or incomplete homework develops

Responsibilities of Parents:

- Set a regular, uninterrupted study time each day
 - Establish a quiet, well-lit study area
 - Monitor student's organization and daily list of assignments in their agenda
 - Help student work to find the answer, not just get it done
 - Be supportive when the student gets frustrated with difficult assignments
 - Contact teacher to stay well informed about the student's learning process

Responsibilities of Students:

- Write down assignments in the "Noble Academy Student Planner"
 - Be sure all assignments are clear; don't be afraid to ask questions if necessary
 - Set aside a regular time for studying
 - Find a quiet, well-lit study area
 - Work on homework independently whenever possible, so that it reflects student ability

- Produce quality work
 - Make sure assignments are done according to the given instructions and completed on time