

HOMework POLICY

RATIONALE

Middle School

The Middle School Homework Policy is a document intended for parents, teachers, and students at KIS. It describes the clear expectations, beliefs and practices of homework assignments.

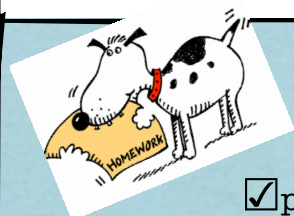
The document provides information about the type, and timing of homework for our students from Grade 6 to Grade 9.

The policy articulates consistent and developmentally appropriate practices across grade levels and at each grade level.



Our Beliefs and Philosophy

- for children to read each night in English and/ or their Mother Tongue
- that homework should be able to be done independently
- that no new concepts/skills be introduced through homework
- to clarify levels of parent involvement
- that the purpose of given assignments be made clear to students (and parents) through web-based communication and through explanation to children in regular lessons.



TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES

Teachers are expected to:

- provide homework information through the class website
- provide feedback
- collaborate with colleagues to ensure consistency across the grade level
- monitor time taken to complete homework assignments
- select appropriate, meaningful tasks, which will reinforce classroom learning

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Student Responsibilities

Student are expected to:

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 - establish good learning habits that extend in to the home
 - be responsible for their homework, and being prepared for their lessons
 - be honest about the levels of support to complete assignments

AS A SIDE NOTE ...

Teachers should communicate expectations with parents and students through the web page and homework agenda. Teachers will provide timely feedback for all homework tasks. Children who have extended absences from school will not normally be assigned homework tasks, however teacher may offer suggestions for children to maintain or develop levels of literacy or mathematics. Periodically children and parents will be asked to review and provide comments on time commitments associated with homework.

Tips for Parents:

Parents are recommended to:

1. check the class website regularly
2. develop a positive environment for their child's work space
3. help their child to setup a homework routine
4. support, but not actively complete their child's homework tasks
5. not make comparisons with other children, as homework may be customized

HOMWORK SCHEDULE

~ not including extra reading ~

Grade	Homeroom - nightly	Single Subjects - weekly	Weekends
Grade 6	60 mins	60-90 mins /week	60 mins
Grade 7	60 mins	60-90 mins /week	60 mins
Grade 8	60 mins	60-90 mins /week	60 mins
Grade 9	60 mins	60-90 mins /week	60 mins

Rationale:

Homework times are determined as a range by adding approximately 10 minutes for each grade level. Parents are asked to closely monitor the time their child spends completing homework assignments. In the event a student is taking more time than the chart indicates, parents and students should communicate this to the appropriate teacher. Many times students are given time to begin homework assignments before school dismissal. Good time management and a set homework routine at home are critical to success. Teachers may not give homework every day or on the weekends. The table above represents the maximum amount of home possible. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE