

HOMework

1. Definition

The word “homework” applies to any work or activity that a pupil is assigned to do outside class hours, whether at home or at school (in the Learning Center or the study hall).

For example, homework may include:

- writing assignments,
- practice exercises,
- preparation for class presentations,
- assigned reading,
- research.

2. What are the goals of homework?

- Homework provides practice in learning skills, the acquisition of knowledge, and development of regular work habits;
- Homework permits pupils to recognize the level they need to achieve for success in a subject;
- Homework develops the confidence and self-discipline required to become autonomous;
- Homework consolidates understanding and technique;
- Homework extends work done in class, as through additional reading or research;
- Homework allows pupils to devote time to particular projects.

3. Organisation of homework

Homework should not prevent pupils from participating in leisure activities such as sports or music. However, pupils should also plan their leisure and other activities so that they do not regularly prevent them from completing their assignments.

The school does not maintain a plan for homework dictating the time to devote each day for each subject. It is up to pupils to learn to manage their time to complete their homework. In particular, they should efficiently use free periods during the school day to complete homework in the spaces provided for this (the study hall and the Learning Center).

As a general rule, teachers will not give homework to be given from one day to the next; pupils will have at least two days to schedule its completion.

The amount of time pupils will be expected to spend on homework will increase as they progress through their schooling.

All pupils should have a homework diary, which they always have with them in class and where they note all their assignments. Parents and guardians are invited to inspect the homework diary regularly. Pupils and their parents or guardians may also consult the assignments posted by teachers to MySchool.

4. Missing homework

In the event that homework has not been done, or not been turned in, the teacher concerned will take appropriate action.

Pupils found to have committed plagiarism or any other form of cheating will receive a zero. The teacher concerned will inform the Senior Educational Counselor (*Conseiller Principal d'Éducation*) according to the seriousness of the infraction or if the problem becomes recurrent.

5. Responsibilities

Pupils:

- will do the work assigned to the best of their abilities;
- will meet the deadlines set by teachers for turning in work;
- will inform themselves about work assigned during their absence and make it up as soon as possible after their return to school. To have been absent when homework was assigned is not an excuse for not completing it in a timely manner;
- will resolve any problem with completing an assignment with the teacher concerned before the deadline.

Parents and guardians:

- will take pupils' homework seriously;
- will do their best to provide pupils with appropriate work space to complete homework quietly and calmly;
- will understand that their role in pupils' homework will become less and less important as pupils become more and more responsible and independent;
- will support teachers in reminding pupils of the purposes of homework.

Teachers:

- will give appropriate homework and evaluate it regularly;
- will conform with the guidelines given in paragraph 3;
- will post assignments to MySchool and see that pupils write them in their homework diaries;
- will avoid assigning homework in the days before a test in their subject, to permit pupils to organise their revision;
- will give no homework in any subject to pupils in S5, S6, and S7 in the week before semester examinations, for the same reason.