

Middle School Homework Policy

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Purpose

The purpose of homework is to assist the students in becoming self-directed and independent learners. Homework should reinforce classroom objectives and enhance learning.

Important to a student's academic performance, and readiness for class, homework is a part of learning which helps prepare students not only for a positive school day but helps them learn how to manage their own time. It is important for the development of a student's self-management skills.

Homework should extend classroom learning; stimulate and develop interests and talents, reinforce independent study skills, responsibility, and self-direction. It is an opportunity for students to share their learning with their parents.

Guidelines & Responsibilities for Homework

All subject homework will be posted online on Managebac for students and which parents can also review. On a single day, there should not be more than two homework deadlines, this should be managed by the subject teachers by looking at the Managebac Calendar and homework timetable. Parents as well students will be notified with a Managebac message whenever any homework is assigned.

Homework Time Frame	
Grade 6 - 8	Students will be required to do homework up to 60 minutes per day. This involves 30mins per subject according to the homework timetable. 48 hours (not including Saturday and Sunday) will be given to complete any assigned work where possible.
Grade 9	Students will be required to do homework up to 90 minutes per day. This involves 30-45mins per subject according to the homework timetable. 48 hours (not including Saturday and Sunday) will be given to complete any assigned work where possible.

Suggestions for type of homework

1. The homework could be a format from any of the following suggestions:
2. Written work/ Investigation or research work/ review class notes.
3. Presentation, movie.
4. Flip learning.
5. Review and reflect on the feedback as well as peer assessment.
6. The homework may or may not be graded.
7. This list is not exhaustive.

Student's Responsibility

1. Have a clear understanding of homework assignments before leaving school.
2. Hand in homework on time.
3. Be responsible for any missed assignments due to absence, where relevant.
4. Realise the effect homework has on their total grade.
5. Submission of homework should be well presented, legible and completed to the best of their ability.
6. Students should be proactive and take responsibility for their own learning at home. This may constitute completing extra work to prepare for their lessons, tests, or exams.
7. If a homework is not set, the expectation is for students to use the time to review material covered in their respective subjects to reinforce knowledge.
8. Reading for fun is encouraged – at least 20minutes per day is recommended.

Teacher's Responsibility

1. Explain importance of homework and procedure for handing in homework as well as the effect on reporting.
2. See that assignments are clear, well planned, and purposeful.
3. Ensure that students understand all assignments and can do them.
4. Vary assignments in relation to task and student's abilities to accomplish them.
5. ATL skills indicator on the termly reports should reflect homework as well as classwork completed by the student.
6. Avoid assignments before religious holidays and vacation (unless otherwise directed).
7. Make sure students are up to date with all assignments.

Non Submission of Homework

Continuous non submission of homework may result in

1. A warning and a chance to resubmit the work. An email will be sent to parents.
2. Deduction of merit points.
3. Informing the parents if homework is still not submitted by the extended deadline.
4. 3 missed homeworks result in a class detention with the subject teacher. A further two missed homeworks result in a detention with the Head of Pastoral Care.
5. If no improvement is seen in submission of work, students will complete a detention with the MYP Coordinator or one of the Principals on a **Saturday morning**.

See Behaviour for Positive Learning policy.

Parent's Responsibility

1. Provide a place to study which is free from distraction.
2. Develop a routine for study and encourage quality work.
3. Maintain a positive attitude toward homework and assist student with explanations and clarifications, but resist doing any part of the assignment.
4. Call/email teacher/school to make arrangements for homework assignments and catch up work during periods of planned absences.
5. Discuss any observed problems with their child's homework with his/her teachers.
6. Help promote your child to recognise the importance of completing all homework every day.
7. Regularly check weekly updates for homework and encourage your child to check Managebac.

Administrative Responsibility

The Leadership team at all levels are there to support teachers, students, and parents in maintaining the highest standards. Teachers are encouraged to ask if they doubt or for support.

Extenuating Circumstances:

A student who has an extenuating circumstance may turn in homework late if their parent or guardian sends an email requesting exemption. Repeat avoidance of homework will not be accepted.

Signed by Principal – Dated: January 2022

Policy review

The policy will be reviewed June 2023

The policy is shared with the school community on Ambassador International Academy's website – www.aiadubai.com.