

520 - GWA Homework Policy

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At George Washington Academy we believe that homework is a valuable part of the learning experience and reinforces the concepts taught in the classroom. Homework can assist students in learning independence, self-discipline, responsibility and good study habits.

1. Meaningful homework is given out on a daily basis. Students in grades Kindergarten through Second grade will have 20 minutes of independent reading and approximately 40 minutes of homework on other assignments each day. Students in 3rd grade through 8th grade will have 30 minutes of independent reading and approximately 60 minutes on other assignments each day. Homework minutes will vary from student to student.
2. Homework will be sent home generally every night. If a child is overwhelmed, parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher.
3. Homework should be purposeful, reasonable in the requirement of time spent, and designed specifically to meet the needs of the learner.
4. It is expected that each educator will carefully explain homework so the student has an understanding of what is expected and the due dates for the assignments. Teachers will make sure students have time in class each day to write the homework assignments due in their planner. Parents should check their student's planner on a daily basis. They are also encouraged to check PowerSchool, the teacher or grade level's websites, and the weekly newsletter for important information regarding homework and upcoming assignments and events. If parents do not have access to computers/internet, they should contact the teacher directly by phone.
5. Teachers are expected to correct and return homework assignments within a reasonable period of time.
6. Students are expected to complete homework as assigned. It is also expected that parents help monitor their child's homework tasks and provide an appropriate environment conducive to helping the children concentrate and gain the appropriate knowledge and skills from doing each homework task.
7. Parents are encouraged to check their student's progress online using PowerSchool and contact their child's teacher with questions and concerns. Student/Parent logins for PowerSchool are available from your child's teacher or the front office.
8. Any missing make-up schoolwork is considered homework.
9. If a student is absent, it is the student's or parent's responsibility to obtain and complete missed assignments.

George Washington Academy expects three things from their students:

1. They do their best.
2. Assignments are neat and presentable. If assignments do not meet these requirements, the student will be asked to redo the assignment.
3. Assignments are completed and returned to class on the day they are due.