

Homework Plan

Wakefield High School

The purpose of homework is three-fold:

- To help students understand and review the work that has been covered in class;
- To see whether students understand the lesson taught;
- To help students learn how to find and use more information on a particular subject.

Homework serves as a link between school and home that shows what children are learning in the classroom.

Research indicates that when homework is turned in to the teacher, graded, and discussed with students, it can improve students' grades and understanding of their schoolwork.

In order to support the WCPSS Board Policy #5510 and #55101.1 pertaining to homework, the following homework plan has been implemented at Wakefield High School:

1. Time Guidelines:

Homework will be assigned on a daily basis as needed. Students may be assigned projects with deadlines several weeks away. As a result, students may need to organize their assignments and work time to make sure they have completed their homework by the date due. Although there is no set time limit on the amount of homework a student should have each night, it should be reasonable to assume that students may spend up to two hours on homework each night, except on nights when studying for tests or exams when more time may be needed or in Honors and Advanced Placement courses.

2. Involvement of Parents/Guardians:

- Send your child to school each day, well-rested, fed, and with a positive attitude;
- Set up a quiet, comfortable study area with good lighting and the supplies necessary for your child to have uninterrupted study time;
- Check homework assignments for completion and discuss with your child when he/she is failing to turn in his/her homework, when necessary;
- Offer your child the academic support necessary to succeed.

3. Informing Parents/Guardians:

- A copy of the homework plan will be posted on the school's website;
- Parents may receive information on how to help their children with homework at parent conferences, progress reports, feedback through SPAN, or regular parent communication through phone or email.

4. Techniques Taught to Help Students:

- All students will be assigned homework on a day by day basis as needed by teachers;
- All teachers will monitor their homework distribution and clearly communicate to students their expectations for homework;
- Assignments may be collected and feedback provided in a timely manner.

5. Resources Available to Students:

- SMART Lunch on main campus and START SMART on Wakefield North offer times for students to collaborate, remediate, get teacher help, and make up missed assignments.
- Teachers have posted teacher assistance/office hours once a week to assist students on an as-needed basis;
- Parents may communicate with the teacher to determine when extra help is offered as well as other ways that the student may need assistance with material studied;
- The media center will be open before school and after school for students who need access to a computer;
- Tutors are available through various honor societies in the school to be coordinated with the student's counselor.

6. Teacher Feedback:

- Teachers will make every effort to provide feedback to students in a timely fashion;
- Students will be held accountable for doing their homework;
- Homework grades will count as a portion of a student's grade as set by the teacher.

In order for this homework plan to be successful, all aspects of the school community, including administrators, parents, students, and teachers, must support all components of the plan. More importantly, all students must complete their homework as assigned to the best of their ability by the due date given in order to enhance their knowledge base.