

AHISD Homework Guidelines (2022-2023)



It is expected that all AHISD students in grades 1-12 will have regular homework. Homework is any activity or assignment directed by the teacher to be performed outside the classroom that may include practicing knowledge or skills learned in class.

- The amount of homework increases significantly as students progress through grade levels, and advanced courses levels have additional expectations for homework.
- Homework should be necessary and useful, appropriate to the ability and maturity level of students, well explained and motivational, and clearly understood by students and parents.
- Homework should have a clear purpose, be tied to current subject matter, assigned in amounts and levels of difficulty which students can complete successfully and should be checked quickly, with feedback to students.
- All homework is *assessed* but not necessarily graded. Assessed means providing students with individual feedback so that students receive confirmation of what skills and content they have mastered and what areas need additional time and effort to master.
- Daily homework is assigned Monday- Thursday but not over weekends or holidays. Long-term projects or tasks may extend over a weekend.

AHISD values family time and extracurricular involvement as well as academic achievement. The AHISD Homework Guidelines are intended to promote both meaningful and purposeful homework as well as school and family life balance.

Elementary Homework Guidelines:

- In kindergarten, the focus is on home connections with pre-literacy and numeracy activities and take-home book bags.
- In grades 1-5, the target amount of homework should be 10 mins per night per grade level. This equates to 10 minutes for 1st grade up to 50 minutes for 5th grade. This targeted time allocation includes assigned reading.
- If a child struggles to complete the homework within the allotted time, the parent should contact the teacher.

Junior School Homework Guidelines:

Junior School Weekly Target Amount of Homework Per Course

| | | Reading | Language Arts | Science | Social Studies | Math | World Languages |
|---|-----------------------|---------|---------------|---------|----------------|------|-----------------|
| Grade Level | 6 th Grade | 80 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 100 | |
| | 7 th Grade | | 80 | 50 | 50 | 110 | 50 |
| | 8 th Grade | | 90 | 60 | 60 | 120 | 60 |
| Advanced Level | 6 th Grade | 80 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 100 | |
| | 7 th Grade | | 90 | 60 | 60 | 120 | 60 |
| | 8 th Grade | | 110 | 100 | 100 | 150 | 80 |
| The times listed are not weekly maximum times; they are averages over a unit of study. The exact amount of time needed to complete a homework assignment will vary according to each student. | | | | | | | |
| Courses not listed here should use course guidelines for similar courses. For example, the STEM course would follow target time allocations for science. | | | | | | | |

High School Homework Guidelines:

High School Weekly Target Amount of Homework Per Course

| | | Language Arts | Science | Social Studies | Math | World Languages |
|---|------------------------|---------------|---------|----------------|------|-----------------|
| Grade Level | 9 th Grade | 110 | 110 | 110 | 120 | 90 |
| | 10 th Grade | 110 | 110 | 110 | 120 | 90 |
| | 11 th Grade | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 |
| | 12 th Grade | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 |
| Advanced Level | 9 th Grade | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 |
| | 10 th Grade | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 |
| | 11 th Grade | 210 | 210 | 210 | 210 | 210 |
| | 12 th Grade | 210 | 210 | 210 | 210 | 210 |
| College Level <small>(Advanced Placement and Dual Credit)</small> | | 240 | 240 | 240 | 240 | 240 |
| The times listed are not weekly maximum times; they are averages over a unit of study. The exact amount of time needed to complete a homework assignment will vary according to each student. | | | | | | |
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