

Homework Policy

Homework is an important and necessary part of a student's regular course of study. It is used to sharpen skills and understanding and helps to develop positive and independent study habits. Doing homework well on a consistent basis will have a very positive effect on academic performance. Homework should always be neat, care- fully and thoughtfully done and on time.

The staff of the Ticonderoga Middle School feels that a meaningful experience with daily homework depends on a combination of efforts made by students, staff and parents. In an effort to help all parties involved recognize their responsibilities, the following information provides a breakdown:

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Be aware of all homework assignments before leaving class.
- Write homework assignments in their daily planner.
- Ask for clarification on assignments during class time or 9th period.
- Take homework assignments home along with necessary materials.
- Students must take their time when completing assignments, sloppy work is not acceptable.
- Check on work missed during absences and make up the work in a timely fashion.
- Use 9th period to make up homework or clarify misunderstandings on homework assignments.
- Check your PowerSchool account for missing assignments and grades on a daily basis or at least once a week.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Arrange a quiet time and study area including proper lighting.
- Expect regular assignments. -Help your child organize his or her papers for return to school the next day.
- Contact your child's teacher if you do not see assignments coming home.
- Check planner for homework assignments.
- Check PowerSchool for your child's progress on a daily basis or at least once a week.

TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Plan homework related to classroom objectives.
- Check and review homework with students routinely.
- Establish a regular routine for assigning homework.
- Give assignments both orally and in writing.
- Make clear the weight of grading in homework assignments.
- Provide for checkpoints on long-term assignments.
- Inform parents when a student repeatedly fails to complete multiple assignments.
- Update grades and assignments routinely on PowerSchool.
- Address IEP needs where applicable.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

"All written assignments should be neat and legible and follow the format shown here:

Student's Name	Subject and Section
Date	Teacher's Name
Title of Assignment	
1" margin	1" margin

Teachers will inform the students of consequences of late work or of work not completed at the beginning of the year. Consequences may be different from class to class.

In keeping with Ticonderoga School Board Policy, the Ticonderoga Middle School recommends that homework assignments should average:

Grade 6 - 1/2 - 1 hour per night for all subjects

Grade 7 - 1 hour per night for all subjects

Grade 8 - 1 – 1-1/2 hours per night for all subjects

Whenever a student is absent due to illness, a trip etc., they are expected to do any missed assignments or a suitable substitute as determined by each teacher. Parents may also call the school and request that homework be sent home with a students friend or get picked up by themselves.



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