



Wasatch Peak Academy

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Homework Guidelines

Students at Wasatch Peak Academy will have homework. Homework may be assigned Monday through Thursday.

All students should be continual readers. **Reading time is not part of the suggested time for homework** unless a specific class assignment has been given that includes a reading selection. With the exception of 6th grade Literacy or Math honors classes, students may expect approximately 10 minutes of homework* per grade unless working on special or long term projects**.

*A kindergarten-1st grade student may have approximately 10 minutes of homework each night, a 4th grade student about 40 minutes, and a 6th grade student up to 60 minutes. Honors' class students will have homework defined in the Honor's Classroom Disclosure Statement. If a parent finds their student has an excessive amount of homework they may limit the homework to the time requirement for that evening and send an explanation to the teacher with the unfinished homework. There will be no grade penalty for the unfinished work. If an unusual amount of unfinished work begins to be turned in, a parent-student-teacher conference will be held to determine appropriate accommodations. There may be instances where a student may take more time to do the assignment and there is no apparent learning disability and the teacher and parents will then need to determine what amount of work is acceptable.** This does not apply to special projects that should be completed over time. They are due on the date determined by the teacher.

**Advanced written notice to parents including project requirements and due date will be posted on the teacher's website, e-mailed or sent home well in advance of the project due date. These types of assignments might include social studies or science unit activities, Science/ Service Learning Fair projects, books reports, or research projects. If a student works a little each night over the time allowed for these projects they should have ample time to complete them.

Kindergarten -2nd grade students will generally have Saxon Math Homework. Third grade students may have homework in Literacy and Math. Homework in these primary grades reinforces basic skills and teaches the student responsibility. The most important activity at night for students in these primary grades is to read. Being read to, reading to others or reading together improves reading fluency. The ability to read well is the single most important skill a student should acquire in these early grades. Homework will not be counted as part of a grade in Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

3rd grade students may have homework in Math and Literacy, and occasionally will be involved in completing school-wide projects such as for Science Fair or Service Learning Fair projects. 4th-6th grade students may have homework in Math, Literacy and occasionally Science or Social Studies. In the middle grades students begin developing more independent study skills and should be able to perform homework tasks independent of parent supervision. Homework may not be more than 10% of a grade given to a student in any subject.

We encourage parents to take the time to look over homework once completed, help their student with corrections and give feedback to the teacher. If a parent finds they have to explain how to do all of the problems or homework on a regular basis, then the homework is too hard and the parent should meet and discuss it with the teacher. Homework is practice or application of skills learned in class and should not need constant direct instruction from parents. The exception to this is when a child is learning to read in the primary grades or working on basic math facts and guided practice at home is very important.

Organization of homework is an important factor to **Homework Success** so that students and parents know what is expected each night. Homework expectations and routines will be discussed by teachers at Back to School Night. Primary grade teachers may use homework folders with a regular routine established for assigning and collecting homework. Weekly packets are helpful with Friday due dates so family evening schedules may be maintained. First grade teachers may allow work to carry over to the weekend when parents may be available for direct assistance. Older students may have homework assignment sheets, folders, or planners to keep track of homework.

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