

PINE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

I. Philosophy/Purpose:

Homework contributes toward building responsibility, self-discipline and lifelong learning habits. It is the intention of the Pine Valley Middle School to assign challenging and meaningful homework that is used to reinforce classroom learning objectives, to see whether students understand the lesson and to find/use more information on the subject. Homework can also serve as a communication link between school and home that shows what children are studying.



II. Expectations:

Responsibility of the Student:

- *Keep an up-to-date agenda for homework and other assignments and their due dates.
- *Clarify with teachers any instructions not understood.
- *Use proper heading at the top of all homework assignments.
- *Complete homework in proper form (typed vs. legible handwriting, pen vs. pencil, etc.)
- *Complete homework to the best of your ability.
- *Turn in completed homework on the due date.
- *Students are responsible for obtaining all missed work.
- *Students will receive only one copy of the homework. If they lose it, it is their responsibility to get the material from an alternate source.

Responsibility of the Parent:

- *Make homework a daily activity.
- *Help your student get organized. Check their agenda daily.
- *Set up a comfortable location for doing homework with good lighting and free of distractions.
- *Show interest in your student's schoolwork and discuss what your student is learning.
- *Contact the teacher if necessary to clear up any misunderstandings, troubleshoot problems, discuss time management and be informed about your student's learning progress.
- *Alert the teacher, **in advance**, when extenuating circumstances arise that may prevent homework from being completed on time.

Responsibility of Teacher:

- *Give students the opportunity to record homework assignments in the agenda.
- *State clearly the expectations of the assignment.
- *Assign relevant, meaningful homework activities that reinforce classroom learning.
- *Ensure that the student has the skills to complete the homework assignment.
- *Ensure students are aware of what is expected of them, and how their work will be assessed.

- *Provide feedback in a timely manner.
- *Include homework as part of the student's grade.
- *Will offer after school assistance.
- *Will provide a designated area in classroom to obtain absentee work.



III. Time:

Actual time required to complete assignments will vary with each student's study habits, academic skills, and course load. Generally, students in 5th and 6th grade will average approximately 20 - 30 minutes **per subject** per night. If your child is spending an excessive amount of time on homework, you should contact your child's teachers immediately.

IV. Late Work Penalties:

Homework assignments are due completed in class the day after they are assigned unless otherwise specified by the teacher. If a student does not hand in a homework assignment, they may be required to stay after school **that night** until 4:00 pm to complete the missing assignment(s). Failure to stay after school when required will result in a discipline referral to the office.

V. Student Absence from School:

*If a student is absent from school for one day, they have 1 day to make up the assignment(s). If a student is absent for 2 days, they have 2 days to make up the assignment(s), etc. In a student absence of more than 3 days, student and teacher will discuss assignments and due dates.

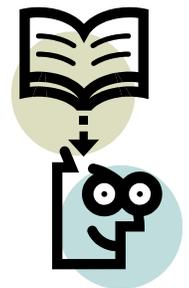
*If the first day of an absence occurs on the day of a test, the student should be ready to take the test upon his/her return to school. If the absence(s) is prior to and inclusive of the actual test date, the student will have an equivalent amount of time to prepare for and take the test.

*If work is requested and given to student before a planned absence, the assignments are due the day upon return.

VI. Extenuating Circumstances:

The student will work with the teacher to make a plan to deal with extenuating circumstances. Examples of extenuating circumstances may include: family emergencies/death in family, injuries, and extended illnesses. Student or parent must notify the teacher.

I understand that my student may be required to stay after school to work on any uncompleted homework.



Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____