



# NEWWEST Charter

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## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

**Homework** - Homework contributes toward building responsibility, self-discipline and lifelong learning skills. It is the intention of the New West Charter staff to assign relevant, challenging and meaningful homework assignments that reinforce classroom learning objectives. Homework should provide students with the opportunity to apply the information they have learned, complete unfinished class assignments, and develop independence. Homework grades are modified based on students' individual needs (i.e. IEP, 504 Plans). Homework assignments include:

- Practice exercises to follow classroom instruction
- Preview assignments to prepare for subsequent lessons
- Extension assignments to transfer new skills or concepts to new situations
- Creative activities to integrate many skills toward the production of a response or product
- Major projects such as research reports, book reports, essays, and other assignments

**Time** - Actual time required to complete assignments will vary with each student's study habits, academic skills, and selected course load. Major projects may require additional time. If your child is spending an excessive amount of time doing homework, please contact your child's teachers.

**Late Work Policies** -Students who miss homework because of an excused absence will receive the opportunity to make up missed work. Students are expected to turn work in on time and students who turn in late assignments will receive no credit or communication with parents/guardians



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### **Responsibilities of Staff:**

- Assign relevant, challenging and meaningful homework that reinforces classroom learning
- Give clear instructions and make sure students understand the purpose
- Give feedback and/or correct homework
- Communicate with other teachers about anticipated student workload
- Provide opportunities for students to get assistance outside of class time
- Involve parents and contact them if a pattern of late or incomplete homework develops

### **Responsibilities of Parents/Guardians:**

- Establish a regular, uninterrupted study time each day in a quiet, well-lit area
- Monitor student's organization and daily list of assignments in their agenda
- Regularly check the New West Charter teacher pages and Infinite Campus for updates
- Help student work to find the answer, not just get it done
- Be supportive when the student gets frustrated with difficult assignments
- Contact teacher to stay well informed about the student's learning process

### **Responsibilities of Students:**

- Be sure all assignments are clear. Write down all assignments. Don't be afraid to ask questions if necessary
- Establish a regular, uninterrupted study time each day in a quiet, well-lit area
- Work on homework independently whenever possible, so that it reflects student ability
- Produce completed, on time, quality work
- It is the responsibility of the student to get work missed due to illness or absence.