



## Kent Homework Guidelines 2019-20

### Philosophy

Homework at Kent Middle School is intended to:

- provide students with opportunities to demonstrate, reinforce, and extend learned skills without direct teacher support
- provide students with opportunities to assume responsibility and establish strong study skills
- provide opportunities for self-directed study that will encourage students to become independent learners

As professional educators, teachers create purposeful homework assignments for students. Teachers make every effort to balance assignments, coordinate with other teachers at their grade level, and take into consideration long-term projects and tests. Teachers will provide accommodations responsive to individual student needs as appropriate. Progression by the grade level towards independence and away from parent involvement is expected.

Teachers, students, and parents share responsibility for making homework at Kent a positive and constructive experience.

### Guidelines

- Homework is given Monday through Thursday (except for Math 7+ & Algebra 1 students)
- Students are expected to spend approximately twenty minutes per day on free or assigned reading.
- Homework will not be assigned in Expressions and Enrichment with the exception of practice for tests, quizzes or presentations. 5th & 6th grade Music students should practice 5- 10 minutes per night.
- Spanish students should spend 10 minutes/ 4 nights a week - practicing concepts covered in class. This can be done through speaking, listening, reading and/or writing activities.

- Students may find it beneficial, based on their own weekly schedule, to spend time on weekends to break long-range projects into more manageable increments.
- Teachers clearly post all homework assignments in their classroom with some teachers using *Google Classroom*. Teachers expect students to record these assignments in their agendas. Students should also establish a homework buddy in each class to double check homework assignments.
- If a student does not use his or her time effectively to complete class work, he or she might be required to complete the unfinished assignment(s) at home.
- Students (or with the help of their parents) are expected to communicate directly with teachers if they find themselves spending an excessive amount of time on a particular assignment. The teachers will work with the students to address the students' individual needs. Ongoing student-teacher communication, and when necessary parent-teacher communication, is essential to providing support on an individual basis.

The maximum number of homework minutes per night will not exceed:

Grade 5	--	60 minutes
Grade 6	--	90 minutes
Grade 7	--	120 minutes
Grade 8	--	120 minutes

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