



Lamar L. Curry Middle School
Grades 6th – 8th Homework Plan

HOMework POLICY

Homework is an essential component of the learning process for students with the assignment of meaningful learning activities. While homework should provide opportunities for students to reinforce what is taught in the classroom, the assignments should be based on learning outcomes that build students' conceptual understanding, develop thinking skills, and focus on the application of knowledge. Homework assignments should engage students in purposeful, relevant learning that meets their academic needs, with assignments emphasizing quality and depth over length and repetition. Homework is not to be assigned as punishment.

As students mature and progress through school, homework should reflect grade, age, and learner-appropriate levels with assignments that are aligned to the standards for learning in the particular subject area or course. Homework assignments for exceptional students should accommodate the special needs of such students.

In general, homework assignments should be completed for the following day but teachers may opt to set due dates over more days. Long-range assignments and/or project-based learning assignments should provide students with an opportunity to develop and refine research and independent study skills, embedding the use of technology, as applicable. Teachers should review evidence of progress periodically before the student submits a long-range assignment.

It is not the parent's responsibility to give significant assistance to the student in completing homework. Parents or other family members should, however, make every effort to read to students who cannot read on their own during the assigned homework period.



Schools, when implementing this homework policy, should consider these guidelines as daily averages. The recommended minutes include assignments for all subject areas and teachers collectively per school day:

SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

1. Homework assignments will be assigned per night for each core content area course including magnet electives and should not exceed 75 minutes per day.
 - High School Honors level/IB/Advanced courses may be assigned additional minutes per course each night as needed.
 - Due dates for projects and large assignments will extend over a period of time. Each assignment will be chunked and check point due dates established.

*****These times do not reflect the additional thirty (30) minutes required for reading. Reading is a universal skill that relates to all subjects. When specific homework assignments are not given, or when the homework assignment is completed in an expeditious manner, every student will read, minimally, for the amount of time specified in this policy.***

2. Homework assignments in non-magnet elective classes will be given at a minimum of one assignment per week. Elective teachers will coordinate the due dates so that the assignments are due on different days of the week.
3. In addition to written homework, students are encouraged to read 30 minutes per day.
4. Homework guidelines do not apply to practice time for the Arts or extracurricular activities.

