

Westchester Academy for International Studies 2009-2010

Homework Policy

At Westchester Academy for International Studies we believe and practice the following with regards to homework:

- The purpose of homework is to support and advance student learning and achievement
- Teachers provide feedback to students on their homework in a timely manner
- Homework is intended to target specific learning objectives tied directly to the course roadmap or syllabus
- Students are entitled sufficient information and direction to complete homework independently
- Homework is not assigned over major holidays
- Homework does not count more than 20% of a students' six-weeks grade
- Although Pre-AP, AP, and IB courses at times will require more, teachers in general will try to keep overnight assignments to 30 minutes or less per subject
- Students will need to spend time outside of class studying for tests or quizzes in addition to completing homework assignments
- Homework Hall is provided to support students in successful completion of homework (see below)

(**Campus departments are developing content specific homework policies to support coordination of workload to meet the beliefs stated here)

Late Work Policy

Middle School Late Work Policy:

All work is due at the beginning of class. If work is turned in after this time, it is considered late and the following penalties will be accrued.

- 11 points off 1st day
- 21 points off 2nd day
- 31 points off 3rd day

The maximum grade given for an assignment turned in after 4 days or more will be a 50%. Assignments will not be accepted, and will be recorded as a zero in the grade book, once a 3-weeks grading period has ended (the teacher grade entry deadline for progress reports or report cards).

Upper School Late Work Policy:

All work is due at the beginning of class. If work is turned in after this time, it is considered late and the following penalties will be accrued:

- 30% off 1st school day

Maximum grade given after 2 or more school days (not class periods) will be a 50%. Assignments will not be accepted, and will be recorded as a zero in the grade book, once a 3-weeks grading period has ended (the teacher grade entry deadline for progress reports or report cards).

Support Program: Homework Hall Policy

SBISD has developed a new homework policy that requires homework to “promote high quality student learning and achievement. Homework is an out-of-classroom learning experience assigned by a teacher to enhance student learning.” Because homework is designed to help the student become a successful and independent learner, it is imperative that each student complete all of his/her homework. WAIS has created homework hall to help students meet this goal of completing all homework. Homework Hall is provided Monday – Friday from 3:05-4:05 p.m. A late bus is provided that takes students to the elementary school closest to their home.

- Students who do not turn in homework on time will be assigned homework hall on the day the work was due. The teacher will enter the assignment in the computer system, including the assignment that needs to be completed.
- Teachers will facilitate students calling their parents to inform them about the homework hall assignment. A classroom phone log will record the call. The WAIS call out system will also call parents about the homework hall assignment.
- Students who are unable to attend an assigned homework hall will be required to make up their assignments on Saturday from 9 am - 12 pm. Homework Hall is not optional.