

Great Valley Middle School – Homework Guidelines

Great Valley School District believes homework is an opportunity to support and enhance learning. Homework introduces, reinforces, or extends knowledge and skills learned in the classroom.

Homework promotes learning related behaviors that lead to independence such as time management, responsibility, organization, self- advocacy, and inquiry.

Time Management

- On average, homework per night should not exceed 1.5 hours.
- Thanksgiving, Winter, and Spring Breaks are reserved for time with family. Students may elect to use this time to review materials, make up work, complete projects, and enjoy recreational reading, but new assignments will not be made over these breaks by the teacher.
- Homework assigned over a weekend shall be considered the equivalent of a one-night daily assignment.

Guidelines for Teachers:

- Review, discuss, and return, if collected, homework in a timely manner.
- Communicate and coordinate assignments with colleagues so that students do not receive an overload of homework.
- Explain homework to the students prior to the assignment, including the purpose and an estimated time of completion for the assignment.
- Identify the access that students will have to materials for projects and other homework assignments- taking into account affordability, resource materials from the library, assistance opportunities, and technology resources.
- Communicate homework expectations, policies, procedures, and the impact on the overall grade.
- Include a framework for timely completion for long-term assignments.
- Utilize Canvas, Skyward, or individual website as a tool to share information about homework.

Guidelines for Students:

- Accurately record homework assignments made in class by the teacher.
- Seek clarification or assistance from the teacher prior to the assignment due date when a homework assignment is unclear, or if an assignment requires excessive time to complete.
- Make every effort to complete homework as assigned.
- Use time provided for completing classwork and/or starting homework.
- Limit distractions while completing homework.

Guidelines for Parents:

- Provide a quiet space at home for homework completion.
- Help your student to develop time management skills as a way to increase productivity and manage assignments.
- Communicate directly with the teacher if a student is having difficulty or requiring excessive time to complete homework.
- Access homework on Canvas, Skyward, or individual teacher websites as these tools will share information about homework expectations.