

Great Valley High 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 2.5 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:

- Discussion and development of homework should be part of the curriculum process. Teachers teaching the same courses should have similar homework expectations.
- When possible, teachers should give a quarterly overview of long term assignments and testing schedules.
- Teachers should explain the purpose of homework assignments to their students.
- Teachers will use Canvas, Skyward, individual teacher websites, or posting on board to communicate homework to students.

Guidelines for Students:

- Access homework assignments through Canvas, Skyward, individual teacher websites, or postings on the board in the classroom.
- Take an active role in your learning through the completion of homework.
- 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.
- Strive to not only complete homework, but to also make use of it as a learning tool. Review, correct, or revise assignments before submitting them to a teacher.
- Utilize available resources for homework support.
- Limit distractions while completing homework.

Guidelines for Parents:

- Expect that your student will be responsible for his/her homework assignments and that he/she will be able to share information about those assignments with you.
- Access homework on Canvas, Skyward, or individual teacher websites as these tools will share information about homework expectations.
- Communicate directly with the teacher if a student is having difficulty or requiring excessive time to complete homework.
- Work with your student during course selection time (using the weekly time commitment planning sheet). Consider family commitments, extra-curricular activities, sleep, and student physical/mental health to determine the appropriate potential course load.