

Homework in the Secondary Schools

Homework is required in the middle and high schools of the Long Beach Unified School District. It provides for practice, review, make-up, and enrichment in order to make school learning more effective. The kinds of homework assignments might include additional practice on work begun during class time, review of materials already studied, make-up work missed because of absence, and enrichment in subjects where a special contribution can be made to the class. The important thing is to establish the habit of regular study supported by parents and school staff. The purposes of homework are:

1. To provide an outgrowth and extension of meaningful classroom activities.
2. To develop self-discipline and responsibility for sound independent study.
3. To gather specific information.
4. To complete work initiated in class.
5. To enrich the school experience through related home activities.
6. To stimulate total intellectual development.
7. To encourage a carryover of worthwhile activities into permanent leisure interests.
8. To reinforce school learning by providing necessary practice and application.
9. To makeup work missed during an illness or other absence.

The following time ranges are built upon those required in elementary grades. They are based on an estimate of the amount of time required daily for the average student to complete homework assignments. Students who carry a schedule of college-preparatory subjects should expect to spend more time on homework.

Daily Homework Total

6th Grade – One hour

Days of the Week

Monday through Thursday

7th and 8th Grades

One hour to 1-1/4 hour

Monday through Thursday

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