

10.17 Homework Policy

Dates: 7/13/04

Objectives: To establish basic guidelines for the amount of homework that teachers may assign students.

Scope: This policy covers the amount of homework assigned by teachers at Veritas Academy.

Definitions: Homework: This is academic work assigned by the teacher which the student is intentionally not given class time to complete the assignment, but is expected to work on the assignment at home after school.

Guidelines: The following guidelines are to be adhered to when assigning homework:

1. In grades k-5, there is to be no homework.
2. In grade 6, up to fifteen minutes of Math work may be assigned as homework.
3. In grades 7-12, homework is to average one hour per night.
4. When making their monthly calls, teachers in grade six and above are to ask parents how much homework their child is doing in an evening. If the parents, answer is above the desired average the teacher is to report this matter to the appropriate principal immediately.
5. The Secondary Principal is to each quarter contact 5 families to check the amount of homework that their children are completing each night.
6. In November, February and May the Secondary Principal is to report to the Headmaster both his findings and the feedback that he is receiving from the teachers.
7. The Headmaster is to report to the Board on these matters in December, March and June and propose any needed changes for next year.
8. This policy is not meant to limit the ability of parents to work with their children on academic matters, nor is it to excuse sloth which might necessitate a student being disciplined and having work to complete at recess or home, nor is it to negate the possible need for remediation.