

Grade 6

SHMS

Homework Policy

In an effort to unify our approach to homework, the Sixth Grade teachers have outlined clear rules regarding late and missing homework. Our intention is to simplify the homework rules and incompleteness consequences and to strongly communicate to our Middle School students the importance of homework completion. The initial impact of the implementation of this policy may be difficult for some students. However, we know from our combined experience that all students will avoid greater struggles in the future if poor homework habits are corrected now. We would appreciate vigorous parental support and trust in this program. The rules are easy for the students to understand and the consequences are reasonable and clear.

Nightly Homework

If a student does not have nightly homework in class on the day that it is due, they will earn a zero. However, if the homework is received by the teacher within one week it may receive half credit. Exception: daily math homework will receive half credit (1 point) if turned in a day late. After that time, the homework will earn a zero.

Long Term Assignments, Reports, Compositions, and Projects

If a long term assignment, report, compositions, or project makes up a significant portion of the student's term grade, it WILL be accepted late if the student makes an effort to complete the work with the content teacher outside of scheduled class time. For each school day the assignment is late, the assignment's grade will be reduced by reasonable increments. This loss will be calculated from the grade the assignment would have earned if turned in on time.

Exceptions

The above rules and consequences will not apply if one or more of the following conditions apply.

- The student has been ill for a large percentage of the time the project or report has been assigned. In other words, if the project was assigned on March 1st and is due March 21st, an illness on March 19th and 20th would not excuse the completion of the project on time.
- If a student is ill when **nightly homework** is due, it will be accepted after the student's return to school in accordance with school district policy. (see handbook)
- A family emergency which takes the timely completion of a project out of the hands of the student. There are many scenarios which would fulfill this exception. This exception may be used with care if a parent make a personal contact (phone, email) with the teacher.

Reminder

A request for family trips during scheduled school days must be submitted to the principal.

Thank you for working with us.

The Sixth Grade Team Teachers
