



# AAC Homework Subcommittee Report

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# Process

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The past 3 meetings we broke up into smaller groups and considered the best recommendations for each level.

K-3

4-5

6-8

9-12

# Rationale for Recommendations

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Research Based

Best Practices

Whole Child

Wellness

Progression

Homework Defined

Grade Implications

## Policy Recommendations

# Philosophy

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purposeful homework  
can be an effective part  
of the instructional  
program

Students should  
not be able to  
pass, or fail class  
based on  
homework.

## Policy Recommendations



# Philosophy

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Homework is anything assigned to be completed outside of instructional time including completion of tasks begun during instructional time (e.g., projects, reading, writing, studying, lab prep, reports, etc).

## Policy Recommendations

# Purpose

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Reinforce the skills and content learned in class.

## Policy Recommendations

# Teacher Guidelines

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Teachers should...think carefully about what they assign, and assess whether it truly reinforces the skills and content learned in class.

## Policy Recommendations



# Teacher Guidelines

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...evaluate the quality of what they assign.

...plan homework, understanding it is essential  
for students to receive feedback on their  
assignments...

## Policy Recommendations

# Teacher Guidelines

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Homework must align with standards.

Teachers should differentiate as needed (e.g., Special Education, 504 Plan, English learner, SST, etc.)

## Policy Recommendations

# Teacher Guidelines

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The teacher must consider students' current daily workload, including other class homework, extracurricular and cocurricular activities, when determining the length and due date of the assignment.

## Policy Recommendations

# Teacher Guidelines

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The teacher must be cognizant of the maximum time limits by grade level (see below) when assigning homework.

## Policy Recommendations

# **Student Guidelines**

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**Record each assignment, making sure it is accurate and understood before leaving school. Make up missed assignments within established time limits.**

## **Policy Recommendations**



# Student Guidelines

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**Begin and complete assignments promptly. Set aside a regular place and time each day to study. Choose a desk or table that has good light and is away from distractions**

## **Policy Recommendations**

# Student Guidelines

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**Seek help from the teacher when faced with areas of difficulty.**

**Communicate with teachers directly when assignments cannot be finished in the allotted time, for any reason.**

## **Policy Recommendations**

# Family Guidelines

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**Take an active interest in what your child is doing.**

**Provide a suitable, quiet, well-lighted place to do homework.**

## **Policy Recommendations**

# Family Guidelines

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- Arrange with your child an appropriate time for study.
- Give encouragement.
- Check to ensure your child is following the directions.

## Policy Recommendations

# Family Guidelines

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Remind your child about good habits (neatness, time management, breaks, etc.).

Confer with your child's teacher immediately if issues with homework arise.

## Policy Recommendations



# **Time Limits**

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**Minutes for homework increase as students progress through the grades.**

**Assignments increase in complexity as students mature.**

## **Policy Recommendations**

# **Time Limits**

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**Homework will not be assigned on weekends for students in grades kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup>. Students in 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades may be assigned homework on the weekend based on the needs of the course.**

## **Policy Recommendations**

# **Time Limits**

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**No homework can be assigned on holidays for any student in grades kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Policy Recommendations**

# Time Limits

Grade Level	Maximum Minutes (All Inclusive, Per Night)	Other Considerations
Kindergarten	No Homework	Homework can not be assigned Friday. Homework can not be assigned over holidays. Students should engage in daily reading.
First	No Homework	
Second	No Homework	
Third	No Homework	
Fourth	20	Homework can not be assigned Friday. Homework can not be assigned over holidays.
Fifth	30	
Sixth	60	
Seventh	70	
Eighth	80	
Ninth-Twelfth	120	Homework <u>may</u> be assigned Friday. Homework can not be assigned over holidays.

# **K-3 (Lower Elementary)**

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**Minimal Positive Effect of any Homework**

**Reading**

**Play**

**Optional Extended Learning**

## **Policy Recommendations**



# **4-5 (Upper Elementary)**

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**Minimal Positive Effect (but more than lower elementary)**

**Minutes restricted**

**Reading Included**

## **Policy Recommendations**

# 6-8 (Middle School)

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Increased Amounts  
per grade level

Consideration of  
co/extra-curricular  
activities

Teacher to Teacher  
Communication

## Policy Recommendations

# 9-12 (High School)

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Site develops a matrix detailing the “Out of Class Instruction” time needed to be successful.

Students, Families, and Counselors use this matrix to select courses.

## Policy Recommendations

Please consider the following **ESTIMATES** when planning your course schedule. Actual times and workloads will vary by teacher and/or student ability.

SOCIAL STUDIES	min/night	nights/wk	hrs/week
AP European Hist	75	5	6.3
AP Government	45	5	3.8
AP Human Geog.	30	5	2.5
AP Micro Econ.	30	5	2.5
AP Psychology	30	5	2.5
AP US History	60	4	4.0
Economics	20	5	1.7
Geography	30	3	1.5
H US History	60	4	4
H World History	60	4	4
Intro to MUN	40	5	3.3
Intro to Psych	30	3	1.5
MUN	45	4	3
R US History	30	4	2
US History	45	4	3
World History	45	4	3

MATH	min/night	nights/wk	hrs/week
Pre-algebra	30	4.5	2.25
Algebra 1 C/D	40	4.5	3
Algebra 1	45	4.5	3.4
Algebra 1 Blk	15	4	1
Geometry	40	4.5	3
Algebra 2	45	4.5	3.6
Algebra 2 Honors	60	5	5
Trigonometry	40	4.5	3
Prob/Stats	35	4	2.3
AP Stats	45	4.5	3.4
Pre-Calculus	45	4.5	3.4
AP Calculus AB	60	4.5	4.5
AP Calculus BC	45	4	3
Financial Algebra	15	4	1

WORLD LANGUAGES	min/night	nights/wk	hrs/week
Level 1	10-20	4	1
Level 2	10-20	4	1
Level 3	10-20	4	1
Level 4	10-20	4	1
AP Level	30	4	2

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## HOMEWORK TIME MANAGEMENT

SCIENCE	min/night	nights/wk	hrs/week
Astrophysics	15	4	1
Earth Space Sci	30	4	2
Biology	45	4.5	3.4
Chemistry	40	4.5	3
H Chem	60	4	4
AP Chemistry	45	4.5	3.4
AP Biology	60	4	4
Biotechnology	20	1.5	0.5
Forensics	30	4	2
H Earth Space Sci	60	4.5	4.5
AP Environ Sci	60	4.5	4.5
Marine Biology	30	4	2
Physiology	40	4.5	3
Physics	75	5	6.3
H Physics	75	5	6.3
AP Physics	75	5	6.3
Health Education	30	4	2

ENGLISH	min/night	nights/wk	hrs/week
English 9	30-45	5	3.1
English 10/Blk	30-45	5	3.1
English 10 Adv	45-60	5	4.4
English 11/Blk	30-45	5	3.1
H English 11	45-60	5	4.4
English 12	30-45	5	3.1
English Seminars	30-45	5	3.1
AP English	45-60	5	4.4

ACTIVITIES	After-school commitment	Yearly events
Broadcast Journalism	See Homework	2
Choir	See Homework	3
Model UN	See Homework	1-2
Cheer	3 hrs, 5 days/wk	3
Marching Band	60-120	14
Drama 2	10 hrs/semester	0
Drama Advanced	20 hrs Fall/40 hrs Spr.	5-6
Drama Production	20-40 hrs/semester	3
Jazz Band	30 min, 4-5 days/wk	1-2
Leadership/ASB	60 min/1 night	30
Orchestra (Pnl/Strg)	20 hrs/semester	3
Sports Activities	120-180	Seasonal

Please use these time estimates when completing the Time Management Activity worksheet.

VISUAL/PERF ARTS	min/night	nights/wk	hrs/week
3D Fabrication	-	-	0
AP Art History	30	5	2.5
AP Computer Science A	15	4	1
AP Computer Science Principles	15	4	1
AP Studio Art	60	4	4
AP Music Theory	30	5	2.5
Art 1	30	2	1
Art 2	60	2	2
Art 3	60	3	3
Broadcast Journ 1	60	2	2
Broadcast Journ 2 Adv	60	3	3
Broadcast Journ 3 Adv	60	3	3
Ceramic Arts 1	30	2	1
Ceramic Arts 2 Adv	30	2	1
Ceramic Arts 3 Adv	30	2	1
Chorus 1 & 2	30	2	1
Cinematic Arts 1, 2 & 3	60	1	1
Cinematic Arts Adv	60	1	1
Computer Science Pr	15	4	1
Dance 1 & 2	20	5	1.7
Dance 3 Adv	30	5	2.5
Drama 1	30	1	.5
Drama 2	30	3	1.5
Drama 3 Adv	60	3	3
Human-Cent Design	30	4	2
Jazz Band	15	4	1
Jazz Band Adv	30	4	2
Advanced Women's Chorus	30	3	1.5
Men's Choir	30	2	1
H Music Perf Ensemble	30	4	2
Museum Studies	30	2	1
Music Theory	30	4	2
Painting	30	2	1
Philharmonic Orch	30	4	2
Photo	90	1	1.5
Photo Adv	90	1	1.5
Printmaking	30	2	1
Sculpture	30	2	1
String Orchestra	30	4	2
Symphonic Band	15	4	1
Symphonic Band Adv	15	4	1
Symphony Orch	30	4	2
Theater Tech	60	1	1
Vocal Ensemble 1, 2 & 3	30	3	1.5
Wind Ensemble	30	4	2

# Next Steps

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**We recommend All Policy  
Recommendations Be Adopted  
New Committee To Study Grading and  
Block Scheduling**



# Questions?

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