

## **GMS Homework Policy**

Homework is an important student activity that contributes to the educational process. It may also serve to tie school and home more closely together. Homework is a demonstration of class expectations to both student and parent. By definition, homework is task, initiated, and/or motivated in the classroom related to the objective of the course studied that is, normally completed during out of class time. Homework may take the form of additional practice on exercises, reading of materials on specific subject, in-depth follow-up classroom activities, independent reading or project work related to a subject.

What are the purposes of homework?

Homework should:

1. Reinforce skills and concepts learned in class.
2. Extend skills and concepts learned in class.
3. Preview new material
4. Promote student responsibility
5. Help develop good study skills

How much homework should be assigned?

Middle school students can expect homework to be assigned routinely. Whenever possible, study time at school should be provided for homework with guidance and assistance from teachers made available. Weekend or holiday assignments may occur on occasion; make-up work from absences may also need to be completed during these times. Homework should be completed in a timely fashion with additional time allotted for long term projects as well as studying for tests.

Parents can help by:

1. Making homework completion a top priority for your child.
2. Providing the necessary supplies.
3. Providing a quiet atmosphere.
4. Setting a daily homework/study time.
5. Giving your child praise and support.
6. Assisting your child but in no case doing the assignment for them.

Students that turn in late work will be issued a homework detention to be served at either lunch or after school on the same day with their teacher to complete the assignment for 20% off the final score. Should the student not attend the detention, the late work is due the next period the class meets and will receive 50% off of the final score of the late assignment. Assignments will not be accepted past that class period unless the student has an excused absence or has an individualized education plan. Late work will not be accepted from 8th grade students during the 3rd and 4th quarter of the school year. After the third occurrence of a student having late work, the student will be issued an office referral and will serve an hour detention where they will complete the homework assignment. Homework detentions are not cumulative, therefore students will start each quarter with a "clean slate".