

International School Rheintal

Homework Policy

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ISR Guiding Statements

International School Rheintal Vision

ISR is the school of choice in the Alpen Rheintal region providing a high quality international education in English for students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, inspiring international-mindedness, academic and personal excellence and responsible engagement.

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International School Rheintal Mission

ISR is a supportive, challenging and student-centered environment. We encourage each student to reach their potential whilst promoting international-mindedness, empathy and life-long learning. Through teamwork and individual endeavours, members of the school community should:

- Respect and take responsibility for themselves, others and the environment
- Appreciate and respect diversity
- Think critically
- Reflect thoughtfully
- Communicate effectively
- Celebrate success

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ISR Homework Policy

The aims of our homework program are to:

- Develop motivation
- Develop children's initiative and sense of responsibility
- Help children see that formal learning can take place outside the school
- Reinforce skills, concepts, knowledge and attitudes taught in the classroom.

We strongly encourage parents to provide a suitable study space at home for their child. This space should be quiet and well lit. The student should be seated at a table and have all working materials readily available.

Students in the Middle School and the Diploma program will be given homework on a daily basis. Students in grades 5 to 12 are expected to purchase their own diary and are expected to use this to record homework assignments. Details of homework for grades 5 to 12 are also posted on-line using ManageBac; however, it is the students' responsibility to also record any homework given in class. With younger students, we request that parents check their child's communication booklet or homework diary each day. We also recommend that parents regularly assist their child with cleaning out his/her school bag and organizing school materials at home.

When a child is unable to complete the set homework, parents should send a note to the teacher with the reason. If a child is not spending the recommended time on homework (either too much time or too little time), parents should notify the teacher to make them aware of the situation.

Recommended Time for Homework

Grades 1 – 2

Approximately 1 – 1½ hours per **week** - 15 minutes reading time per night.

Grades 3 – 4

Approximately 1 - 2 hours per **week** - 20 minutes reading time per night.

Grades 5 – 6

Approximately 2 – 3 hours per **week** - 20 minutes reading time per night, 20 minutes math per night.

Grades 7 - 8

Approximately 1 – 2 hours per **night**.

Grades 9 – 10

Approximately 1 – 2½ hours per **night**.

Grade 11 - 12

Approximately 3 – 4 hours per **night** - including on the weekend (Time recommended by the International Baccalaureate Organization.)

Primary Years Programme

Students should have a homework diary to record specific homework details into, these can be ordered or provided by the student. Homework should support units of inquiry or stand alone teaching. The amount of homework should increase throughout PYP reflecting the age of students. Students should be encouraged to read every night.

All homework should be monitored for accuracy and completion. Students should expect and dedicate the appropriate amount of time for homework each week. Homework times include all disciplines integrated into the ISR PYP.

Middle Years Programme

The purpose of homework is to foster the development of the student's ability for independent study and to reinforce skills learned in the classroom. MYP teachers will update ManageBac everyday so students and parents may track what is required throughout the week. Students are also encouraged to keep a journal, calendar, or some other form of record to write their homework down each day. On Managebac homework details must include date set, duration, and a clear description of the assignment. An appropriate amount of time must be given to complete the assignment. Although students are not marked down for late work, the coordinator and teachers have a policy for dealing with this issue. A variety of measures are used in regards to late work including: students come in early or stay after school, an NA is placed in ManageBac until the work is turned in, students complete during their lunch break, and if the problem persists the parents will be contacted. Homework club is run once a week after school for students who need support in completing work.

MYP Homework Requirements

Approximate time per week

Class	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10
I&S	60	60	20	20
L&L German	30	30	30	30
L&L English	60	60	60	60
Math	120	120	120	120
Design	40	40	60	60
Visual Art	20	20	20	40
Drama	20	20	20	20
Science	40	40	X	X
Biology	X	X	60	60
Chemistry	X	X	60	60
Physics	X	X	60	60

Class	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10
PHE	20	20	20	20
LA German	45	45	45	45
LA French	60	60	80	80

Homework may be given over the weekend. Homework set over holidays should be set at least one week before the holiday and due at least one week after the holiday.

Diploma Programme

Each Diploma teacher is expected to set between three and four hours of homework per week. Please make it clear what is expected from the students in terms of reading, work to consolidate or review, or preparation for new material through the homework that is given.

Homework must be relevant and if collected, returned in a timely manner. When assignments are set in class, all Diploma teachers will use ManageBac daily to record and communicate those assignments, however assignments are to be given in class and not merely posted on ManageBac. On Managebac homework details must include date set, duration, and a clear description of the assignment. An appropriate amount of time must be given to complete the assignment.

The Diploma Coordinator will monitor all assignments set to ensure Diploma teachers are providing regular and meaningful work and that there is a quantitative balance among the subjects.

Homework may be given over the weekend and on holidays.