

ISR Homework Policy

(Modified for Parents)



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(Abbreviated version for parents – full version is available from the office.)



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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 Program



All homework should be notified to parents using the newsletter. Students should have a homework diary to record specific homework details into. Students should be encouraged to read every night.

Middle Years Program

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. 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
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 Program

Each Diploma teacher will set between three and four hours of homework per week. When assignments are set in class, all Diploma teachers will use ManageBac daily to record and communicate those assignments. On Managebac homework details include date set, duration, and a clear description of the assignment. Parent-Student Google Drive folders will be used to share marked assessment with parents and students.

Homework may be given over the weekend and on holidays.