

HOMEWORK TIPS FOR PARENTS

Setting

- Prepare a setting that is quiet and free from distractions but isn't too isolated. You want to be able to check on their progress easily. Students may like to listen to an MP3 player or the radio quietly set, but make sure they do not have other distractions such as the TV or their **cell phone**.
- Make sure your child has all necessary materials. Here is a list of items that may be useful: pens, pencils, paper, calculator, highlighters, textbooks, and a computer with internet access.
- Schedule 10-15 minute breaks between subjects or after a certain amount of time.

Homework Time

- Your child needs to have a set homework time that will be the same every day. The best time is about 30 minutes to an hour after your child gets home from school (after a snack and brief rest). Every child is different so make a plan that works best for your child.
- Students should not wait until immediately before bed time or before school to complete their homework.

Organized Homework System

- Create a system to keep track of homework to be done and to organize completed work.
- Have your child take out his planner and pull up Moodle pages to check his daily assignments.
- Once you know what assignments your child needs to complete, check his work when he is finished.
- Your child can use a folder to keep track of worksheets and assignments. One side of the folder can have homework to be completed; the other side can have completed assignments that need to be turned in. *Make sure your child puts his completed work in his book bag!

Homework Rules

- Create consequences for your child if he/she is not completing assignments. Make the consequences clear and meaningful.
- Check Parent Command Center at least once a week to make sure your child is completing assignments. If you see a 0 or an “X” for an assignment, it means that the assignment was never turned in. If your child is assigned to HEAT for incomplete homework or not turning in homework, make sure that they complete the assignment and turn it in late for partial credit.
- Once your child is assigned to HEAT 4 times, he will be sent to Saturday school and you will be notified.
- Your child should be responsible for his own assignments. Do not do the work for him!

Study Tips

- Make sure your child is studying the same way the test is administered. Ask to see returned quizzes/tests or talk to your child about the type of test questions: multiple choice, matching, fill in the blank, essay, etc.
- Don't cram! As soon as your child finds out about a quiz/test (don't forget to check Moodle), begin studying. Make note cards for terms as soon as they are given in class. Students should review class notes daily and write down questions to ask their teacher on concepts they do not understand.
- Check Moodle for study guides, maps, notes, etc.
- Using the same method as the test, quiz your child on the material he has studied.