

GARDEN CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

It is customary at Garden City Middle School for teachers to assign homework in those subjects where homework is desirable and appropriate. The following suggestions might be helpful in thinking about homework assignments:

1. Homework should be considered as a part of the student's total educational experience—never as an end in itself.
2. Students should learn the importance of spending a reasonable period of concentrated study under suitable conditions each evening. We emphasize the importance of having a regular time, a regular place, and an absence of distractions for completing homework. Students should recognize that it is important that learning takes place when a homework assignment is completed.

Current education research has consistently identified that (developmentally) students benefit most from a homework volume of ten minutes times their grade level. In other words, the optimal amount of time spent on nightly homework for a 6th grader is 60 minutes, for a 7th grader it is 70 minutes, and it is 80 minutes for 8th graders.

While this is a general guideline, there will be times when additional homework time is warranted – for example, studying for an exam, and completing a long-term project.

If a homework assignment takes substantially more time than this guideline, parents should feel comfortable providing a note to the classroom teacher. Parent feedback will assist teachers in monitoring and evaluating the amount of homework assigned.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS FOR ABSENTEES

Students who are absent can find homework assignments on the Garden City Middle School website: <http://middleschool.gardencity.k12.ny.us/>.