

Homework Policy

Our goal is to have middle school students who are well-rounded, happy and healthy. We understand that the 6 ½ hours that students spend at school are rigorous and challenging. Just like adults, students need to have enough time outside of work (school) to relax and participate in activities that enrich their lives and keep them active. We do not expect middle school students to spend more than sixty minutes outside of each school day on homework.

Our philosophy for homework is that it should truly be work that the student can do independently without the need of adult/parent help. We understand how difficult and frustrating it can be for both students and parents when students are assigned homework that they cannot do independently. With that in mind, the staff at the Valley School will strive to strike a balance between providing authentic, rigorous work with the student's ability. We welcome parent feedback and partnership in this. We believe that the purpose of homework is to build a students' self-discipline, independence, responsibility, time management and confidence; it prepares them for what will be expected in high school and college. Thus, our homework for The Valley School students usually centers around reading, writing, practicing, studying, memorizing or researching information that will connect to work happening in the classroom in the immediate future.

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Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 338.115](#)