



Glades Middle School

Homework Policy

“Homework Awareness Campaign”



There has been much local and national discussion regarding the effectiveness and appropriateness of homework. Three years ago, the school district diligently worked with educators, administrators, parents and the Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee to formulate an updated homework policy. It is both manageable and meaningful with an emphasis on quality over quantity and depth over length and repetition. The new policy addresses the whole child and provides students with ample time for their physical, cultural, social and emotional growth.

Glades Middle School has established a school-wide approach to designing and assigning homework. The tailored school wide homework policy was created in consultation with the EESAC. Input was received from teachers, parents and community representatives. The teachers will adhere to the school wide homework policy as it pertains to monitoring the guidelines of daily averages for assignments for all subject areas, collectively per school day. The homework policy will allow for a good pattern of study, will be sensitive to family time, and considers the home learning environment.

Giving homework on a regular basis may increase achievement and improve attitudes toward learning. However, assigned homework should have a clear purpose. Homework should be necessary and useful, appropriate to the ability and maturity level of students, well explained and motivational, and clearly understood by students and parents. Homework should be tied to current subject matter, assigned in amounts and levels of difficulty which students can complete successfully and should be checked quickly, with feedback to students.

Homework will not be used to discipline or punish students, to introduce or practice skills the student does not understand or to assess a students' learning without reference to other work.

The minutes below include assignments for all subject areas and teachers collectively per school day:

Middle school Students that take middle school courses: 75 Minutes

- 20 minutes for Mathematics
- 20 minutes for Science
- 20 minutes for Language Arts
- 15 minutes for Social Studies

Students will practice for 15 minutes in an elective class

Middle school students that take high school courses: 90 Minutes

- 30 minutes for Mathematics
- 30 minutes for Science
- 20 minutes for Language Arts
- 15 minutes for Social Studies

Students will practice for 15 minutes in an elective class

***Note: 7th grade Language Arts is only 15 minutes long due to the fact that students receive Civics HW that requires rigor and preparation for the EOC. iReady is assigned by the Language Arts and Mathematics teacher on a weekly basis.