

## HOMework POLICY

- **Ayaprun Elitnaurvik Homework Policy**

- Homework serves many important purposes - it reinforces academic skills, teaches research skills, and helps students learn to develop ideas and become lifelong learners. It also helps parents stay informed about their child's learning at school.
- Homework is the student and parent's responsibility; students need to develop regular study habits and do most of the work independently. Parents must ensure the environment and time are provided so their child can complete their homework. At times, long-term assignments will require the assistance of the parent.

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Ayaprun Elitnaurvik's homework policy and practices align with Ayaprun Elitnaurvik's Charter. Based on evidence-based research, the purpose of homework is:

- To practice skills or reinforce the knowledge that has been learned in the classroom to help students master a specific skill
- To reflect on what was discovered in the classroom
- To be used as a way for students to prepare for future classroom activities
- To transfer knowledge and extend skills learned in one content or subject area to another situation
- To encourage parent involvement in their child's education

Often instruction in our classroom is aligned with our culture and cultural standards, and students will be responsible for more group projects and homework assignments that may be connected to real-life experiences.

Grade Level	Amount of Time	Involvement	Average % of time with Parental support
K	10 - 15 minutes	Parent involvement is necessary to complete most activities.	100%
1st	15 - 30 minutes	Parents are expected to help their child, as needed, complete the homework and to check it for accuracy and assist in correcting mistakes.	80%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	20 - 35 minutes	Parents provide assistance (clarifying directions, getting started, etc.) for students to complete homework as independently as possible. Parents should check the accuracy of the completed homework.	75%

3rd	25 - 40 minutes	Parents provide encouragement and guidance, as needed, for their child to complete homework independently and verify that it was completed.	70%
4th	30 - 45 minutes	Parents are aware of homework assignment and support completion by providing guidance as needed.	60%
5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>	35 – 60 minutes	Parents are aware of homework assignment. Students take full responsibility to record, get assistance as needed, and turn-in homework assignments on time.	50%

\*If your child consistently requires much longer than the time indicated above to complete his/her homework, please contact your child's teacher. It is possible that some modification to the homework load is needed for your child and/or a homework "contract" should be designed to support your child's best efforts. To ensure that homework is an effective part of the educational process, we believe that open communication among teachers, parents, and students is critical.

**Frequency:** Homework is assigned Monday through Thursday. Students are encouraged to participate in recreational reading, cultural and educational activities, family time, and explore new interests during breaks from school.

### **Guidelines for Parents to Support Student Success:**

- Provide a quiet, well-lit study area with a desk or table and chair
- Keep a supply of "study tools" available: pencils, pen, paper, crayons
- Establish a regular time for homework during which the child can work with minimum interruptions. Provide a healthy balance between homework, extra and co-curricular activities, subsistence activities, and family commitments
- Encourage student responsibility and independence
- Contact the teacher if a child is not consistently able to do the homework within the time guidelines, or if challenges or questions arise

### **Homework During Illness**

If you wish to request homework for an ill child, please contact the school office by 9:00 am on the day you wish homework to be ready. This will give the teacher sufficient time to prepare your child's assignments, which may be picked up in the office after 3:15 pm on the day that you phone and every day thereafter throughout the duration of the illness.

Teachers will provide students with opportunities to make up classwork and homework in a timely manner. Students and teachers will collaborate to ensure that students have a reasonable amount of time to make up all work. Parents are notified by teachers about the status of make-up work. Students are not punished with a loss of grade points on make-up work. No student may have his/her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any excused absence when missed assignments and tests are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable amount of time.

Homework Policy infraction process:

1. Teacher Contact Parents and efforts towards homework completion. This may include an afterschool program.
2. Principal, Teacher, Parent, Student Meeting
3. Parents, students, Teachers, Principal, and APC will meet in an Executive session to create an APC Plan of action.
4. All Action plans not completed could lead to further discipline, including asking to exit Ayaprun Elitnaurvik.

I have read and understand Ayaprun Elitnaurvik's Homework Policy. I agree to communicate as needed with my child's teacher about homework.

Ayaprun Students Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_