

## MLWGS HOMEWORK GUIDELINES

Homework is defined as any school work assigned outside of class time and includes (but is not limited to) completing projects, designing presentations, practicing concepts or skills, watching instructional videos, conducting research, take home assessments and studying for in-class assessments.

Homework contributes to the academic growth of students as well as the development of organizational skills, self-discipline, and a sense of responsibility. Homework assignments will be appropriate, meaningful, and focus on quality rather than quantity.

\*In keeping with this philosophy, and in an effort to better manage student stress, teachers will observe the following guidelines when developing assignments in their courses:

- No homework will be assigned for completion during Thanksgiving, Winter, or Spring breaks. No tests may be given on the first class period returning from a school break. Major assignments(projects, papers) spanning a school break must be assigned at least two weeks in advance of break and be due no sooner than one week following break.
- Tests and major projects must be assigned at least one week in advance. More notice may be required based on the estimated time necessary for students to complete the assignment. Benchmark deadlines encouraged for long term projects. Teachers should refrain from giving major assessments on schedule B days (8 period days). Teachers should not have other assignments due on the same day as a test or project in their class. Also, there should be no tests given the week before midterm and final exams.
- Timely feedback must be provided to students before subsequent assignments of a similar nature are submitted.
- Teachers should provide a clearly communicated scoring guide, assignment description, or rubric for major assignments.
- Itslearning courses, including homework assignments, should be maintained so that plans are available by Monday morning for the upcoming week. The site should be updated as necessary, so that homework assignments and due dates are appropriately communicated to students. If students are expected to reference itslearning for completion of an assignment due the next Monday or Tuesday, this needs to be announced in class, and itslearning must be updated by Friday at 5:00 pm.
- Given that some students will require more or less time than expected, homework assignments should be designed so that *most* students can complete the assigned tasks within the following time allotments:
  - Electives/ Honors / Plus courses: 30 minutes per class meeting OR 1.5 hours per week
  - AP/Dual enrollment: 60 minutes per class meeting OR 3 hours per week

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