

Pearland High School Homework Guidelines

Homework is defined as the time students spend outside the classroom in assigned learning activities. Pearland High School believes the purpose of homework should be to practice, reinforce, or apply acquired skills and knowledge. The intent of our departments is to give the least amount of homework necessary to master the curriculum. Therefore, our goal is to limit homework to 20-30 minutes per class. Projects or assignments that require a larger time commitment will be assigned several days or weeks in advance in order to give students ample time to complete the assignment.

Homework serves to develop regular study skills and the ability to complete assignments independently. Pearland High School further believes completing homework is the responsibility of the student, and as students mature they are more able to work independently. Therefore, parents play a supportive role through monitoring completion of assignments, encouraging students' efforts, and providing a conducive environment for learning.

Homework establishes college and career readiness skills by building responsibility, self-discipline and lifelong learning habits. It is the intention of the Pearland High School staff to assign relevant, challenging and meaningful homework assignments that reinforce learning objectives based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, or TEKS. Homework should provide students with the opportunity to apply the information they have learned, study for upcoming quizzes or tests, complete unfinished class assignments, and develop independence.

Actual time required to complete assignments will vary with each student's study habits, academic skills, and selected course load. **AP and advanced courses will require additional time based on mandated state and national curriculum standards.** If your child is spending an inordinate amount of time doing homework, you should reflect on rigor of class and student effort.

Homework Expectations by Department

Math Department

Homework is assigned daily, but may vary slightly depending on individual course expectations.

English Department

Homework is assigned, on average, 2-3 times per week for level classes and 4-5 times per week for Advanced and AP classes.

Science Department

Homework, including labs and online assignments, is assigned daily, but may vary slightly depending on individual course expectations

Social Studies Department

Homework is assigned, on average, 2-3 times per week.

Foreign Language Department

Homework may be assigned daily, but may vary slightly depending on individual course expectations. Students need to review vocabulary and conjugations.

Career and Technology Education Department

In general, CTE classes do not assign homework; however research assignments or projects may occasionally require work to be completed outside of the classroom.

Fine Arts

In general, fine arts classes do not assign homework. For specialized classes, please see teacher website for homework information.