



Sunset Ridge Middle School

7th Grade Homework Policy

Philosophy:

Homework contributes toward building accountability, self-discipline and lifelong learning habits and skills; for these reasons, the 7th grade team believes that homework is an essential part of every child's learning experience.

Homework is usually not new learning and should enhance what the student has been working on in class. However, homework incorporates a wider definition than most students realize. It includes the completion of work not finished in class, completion of daily assignments, review of concepts taught that day, reading, work on long-term projects, studying for upcoming quizzes/tests, preparing for the next day.

Most students with failing grades are not adequately completing homework assignments and studying. Therefore, we recommend that all students schedule a regular routine for completing homework. On average, students should anticipate having 60-90 minutes of homework daily in their academic classes. The new National Common Core recommends that students read for a minimum of 30 minutes each night from either non-fiction or fiction material. Band, choir or orchestra students are expected to practice for an additional amount of time daily.

Homework Schedule:

Daily homework will be assigned. Homework is an extension of the skills and lessons taught during a unit. These skills will be taken from the new common core. (www.corestandards.org) These homework assignments could take up to **30 minutes**. From time to time projects/assignments may not be completed during class and will need to be worked on at home. For maximum learning to occur, projects/assignments need to be completed on time. This is part of the **60-90 minutes** of homework each night. Students will have math homework each night. Students should also expect homework from the following classes on the designated nights.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday/Friday
Math	Math	Math	Math
Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
Language Arts	Science	Utah Studies	Prepare for next week

Please note – any additional assignments that were not completed in class are also homework

Homework - Late Policy:

Homework will be accepted late until one week prior to the end of each quarter. Late work will be given a maximum score of 70% (C-) of its original value. (See SRMS School Wide Disclosure)

I-Flight:

This is a program for students to get the extra help they need to be successful in school. It is 30 minutes every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday after second period. This time is an opportunity for students to get help with assignments, make up work, or take missed tests.

Every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday students will be given a printout of their grades during second period. Students who have D's or F's or tests to make up will go to Intervention, which means they will go to a class that they have a D or F in and get help on assignments, make up work, or take a missed test.

Students who have A's, B's, and C's will have the opportunity to go to an activity or to go to one of their teacher's classroom for additional help on their assignments. More information at www.srms.info.

Help Sessions:

The 7th grade teachers are available to help if you are having any trouble with your homework or understanding a topic. Teachers are available from 7:20- 7:50 each morning before school and from 2:50 – 3:20 after school. Please note – You will need to speak with the teacher ahead of time so they are aware that you are coming. Many teachers are available at additional times upon request.

Homework Expectations & Responsibilities:

Responsibilities of Students	Responsibilities of Parents	Responsibilities of Teachers
Write down all homework assignments in planner before leaving class. If no homework is assigned, students should write none.	Check student’s planner daily for assignments and check to see that students are completing the assignments.	Plan homework related to classroom objectives. State homework clearly in written and oral form.
Take homework assignments home along with necessary materials.	Arrange a quiet time and study area including proper lighting. Help your child arrange his/her papers for return to school the next day.	Check and review homework assignments with students. Update Skyward in a timely manner.
Be prepared to spend on average 60-90 minutes daily on homework assignments and studying.	If your child is not doing work at home, use Skyward to make sure that work is being completed.	Make clear homework policies and expectations for all assignments.
Ask your teacher for help when you don’t understand an assignment.	Be aware of when your child can get help from his/her teachers and make arrangements for him/her to come to school early or stay after school to receive extra help when needed.	Be available to help students that are having trouble with an assignment.
Use I-Flight to help make-up work, get help from teachers or work on homework that is due the next day. Do NOT wait to work on all homework assignments that are due later that afternoon.	Ask your child to bring home and show you the work he/she completed in I-Flight.	Make sure that students are using their I-Flight time wisely and help students who have questions.
Work on long-term assignments a little each night. Do NOT try to complete the entire project in one night.	Expect your child to report his/her progress to you on long-term assignments.	Provide students with guidelines or benchmarks on how much of the assignment should be completed by certain dates.

We are looking forward to meeting our new students. We are expecting to have a productive and exciting year. Please visit our school website www.srms.info to find contact information and links to Skyward. We will see you in August!

-Sunset Ridge 7th Grade Teachers