



Homework

The purpose of homework is to reinforce the concepts taught during the school day. Parents are expected to check the Family Portal to view student assignments. GCS maintains a “no excuse” policy regarding homework. Parents can expect to receive the teacher’s homework policy at the beginning of the school year. In addition, parents will be notified when homework is not being completed on a consistent basis. Even though homework is posted on FACTS SIS for student access, some students may still benefit from the use of personal planners. The GCS guideline for homework is 10 minutes per numeric grade per night (i.e. $3 \times 10 = 30$ minutes for 3rd grade; $8 \times 10 = 80$ minutes for 8th, etc.); however, the time may vary depending on your child, if there was a study hall, etc.. A student should not spend “hours” normally, on homework. If an assignment is requiring an unreasonable amount of time a parent should get involved and write a note to the teacher indicating the amount of time already spent and progress made. Should concerns arise, a parent may contact the teacher. If a student is out for a prolonged period of time (generally for more than a day) due to illness or other excused reason, a parent should check for the homework in the Family Portal and then call the school office if additional materials need to be picked up from the school. All work needs to be made up within a reasonable length of time as determined by the situation and teacher. If a student has an “elective” absence (as with a family vacation), a parent must contact the teacher at least one week in advance, but students can also follow the homework assignments by logging into the Family Portal. A student is required to hand in all assignments when they return to school.

To support student attendance in mid-week church programs GCS has a “no homework” policy for Wednesdays / “no major tests” policy for Thursdays. However, if seat work was not completed in class or in a study hall, or assignments are “past due” the work is still expected to be turned in on Thursday for credit.