

Do 8th graders have homework at SMS?

Yes, no matter what your student tells you, they have homework each night. If they follow this schedule, with your help, there should be no more than an hour's work each night at home. Some classes have an hour of homework each week. Students decide how to distribute that homework. **Students without internet access can work on this during advisement each morning.** Below is a schedule for each of their classes.

When you ask if your son/daughter has homework, they might say:

-“Yes, I have....(and they mention the information below).”

Excellent. They are showing a responsibility for taking care of their learning! There should be few worries when the state test occurs in May 2020.

-“I finished it at school.”

This answer is only partly true. **They have about 45-60 minutes of homework at least 4 days a week.** Please check the schedule below. Eighth grade is a gateway grade where classes must be passed along with state Milestone tests. If students get behind, they tend to dislike homework/school more. Help us establish this routine for homework each night.

-“No, I don't have any.

No, this answer is incorrect. Please read the paragraph above and check the schedule below. Again, **students have homework for 3 subjects each and every night.** Not all of their homework is written.

Math (Worley/Steward) - Every night students should complete problems from their math notebook by copying them and trying to re-work them. ****This should take 15-20 minutes, four nights a week.** They can then check their answers in their notebook. **On Google Classroom, they have links to recordings that show how to work problems like the ones they are studying.** Students also have Moby Max assignments.

ELA (Campbell/Knapp/Mayo) - **Every night, students should be reading 20 minutes at home.** Additionally, if there is work not completed in class, they should finish that at home. Much of their work is on **Google Classroom.**

Science (Nelson) **Two nights a week, students should study their notes in their notebooks or finish their homework/writing for 20 minutes.** Tests are given about every 3 weeks. They need to study more before the test. **For every test, Mr. Nelson gives 5 extra points if a student brings their study sheet/notes signed by an adult that has seen them studying.**

Social Studies (Osborne) **Students should study their notes in their notebooks, finish their writing on Google Classroom and complete 60 minutes of Quizlet homework each week.** Tests are given about every 3 weeks. They need to study more before the test. **For every test, Ms. Osborne gives 5 extra points if a student brings their study sheet/notes signed by an adult that has seen them studying. We will concentrate on writing in GA Studies.**