

## **GHS Homework Guidelines (Revised 8-18-21)**

### **Amount of Homework**

Greenwich High School adopts the following guidelines\* regarding the amount of homework expected for a particular class each night and over the course of an eight-day cycle:

Type of Course	Minutes of HW / Night	Minutes of HW / Cycle
Non-Honors	30	180
Honors	45	270
AP	60	360

\* Guidelines are not hard limits. They are intended as an average amount of time. Some students will require more than the amount of time indicated above and some will require less.

### **Guidelines for Assigning Homework**

Homework should not be assigned in the evening or over a weekend if you haven't discussed it with students in class. The following are examples of what we should AVOID:

- Emailing on a Saturday or Sunday an assignment due on a Monday that was not assigned in class (e.g., a new assignment) on Friday.
- Posting homework after 4:00 PM that has not been discussed in class.

The following are examples of what is appropriate:

- Sending an email reminder at any time of an assignment discussed in class.
- Sending materials or other information that you think the students might find interesting or helpful but are not required (or at least are not required the next day).
- Posting homework for an assignment prior to 4:00 PM (Whenever possible, homework should be posted prior to the end of school so that students can complete it immediately after school).
- Assigning homework that was not discussed in class that has a due date later than the next day (i.e., the students have time to complete it, even if they don't check their email or Schoology right away).

### **Expectations for When Homework is Due**

- Homework should not be due earlier than the day and time that the class for which the homework is assigned meets.

- Assignments can be due/accepted earlier for non-graded feedback or extra credit purposes.
- Consistent with the above, please avoid assigning a due date over the weekend or on the date a class drops (prior to the next class meeting).

### **Expectations for When Homework is Due following an Excused Absence**

Per the GHS Attendance Policy, students may make up any work missed due to an excused absence. If students are well enough and have the resources they need, we encourage them to make up missed work on the day the class meets. When students are unable to complete work missed because of an excused absence, **they have one day to make up the work for each day missed**. Students should always communicate with their teacher to discuss particular situations.

### **Expectations for Homework and Holidays**

As per BOE policy, homework should not be assigned during vacations\*. There should not be any tests given the first day back.

The exceptions to the above are:

- 1) AP classes, especially over April Break (but please keep it reasonable)
- 2) long-term assignments that either the students should have finished prior to break (and you gave them an extension) or projects that are due after break (not assigned to be completed during break)
- 3) independent reading (but not study questions)

\* Holidays include: Thanksgiving, Holiday Recess (December), February Break, Spring Break