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Stuyvesant High School Homework Policy

1. Posting of Homework Assignment

- Homework may not be posted any later than 4:30 p.m. for any assignment that is due the following school day.

2. Length of Homework Assignments and Projects

- Homework for regular courses should not exceed 30 minutes each school night.
- Homework for Advanced Placement courses should not exceed 60 minutes each school night.
- Long-term projects should be assigned well in advance with adequate time to complete the projects.

If a student is unable to consistently complete homework assignments within these limits, first take stock of the homework environment to make any changes that would contribute to a more efficient completion of homework: organize the student's workspace, make the workspace quiet, and eliminate distractions such as social media, video games, etc.

3. Providing Homework in Advance

- Teachers may assign homework in advance but must follow the nightly homework limit. For example, if 5 hours of homework are assigned at a time for an AP class, the entire assignment should be allocated at least 5 nights.

4. Teacher Review of Homework

- Teachers will review and return homework in a timely fashion and, to the extent possible, review the material on homework assignments before the corresponding exam.

5. Turning in Homework

- Homework submitted in person may not be due any earlier than at the start of class. For example, if a class is at 10:15 a.m. Monday, homework may not be collected any earlier than 10:15 a.m. Monday.
- Online homework may not be due any earlier than 8 a.m. the day that it is due. For example, if the class is at 10:15 a.m. Monday, online homework may not be due any earlier than 8 a.m. Monday.
- Students are expected to complete their homework assignments and turn them in on their due dates.

6. Vacation Policy

- The vacation policy in this section refers to three vacation periods: Winter Break, Midwinter Recess, and Spring Break.
- Teachers will not assign any homework, projects, or extra credit for completion over a vacation period as school vacations are intended to provide an opportunity for students and teachers alike to rest, recharge, and spend time with their families.
- Projects that were assigned well in advance of a vacation period may not be due until at least two school days after returning from vacation.

7. Snow Days

- Homework submission may not be required on a snow day.
- Additional homework may not be assigned on a snow day.

8. Religious Holidays

- If a student will be observing a religious holiday, including one in which school is closed and would like to request an extension on homework, the student must contact the teacher *in advance* and must provide a parent's or guardian's note (if requested by the teacher). The length of the extension granted may vary upon the agreement between the teacher and either the student or parent/guardian.

9. Extenuating Circumstances

- Students with family or medical emergencies are encouraged to communicate to both their teachers and their assigned school counselor that something serious is impacting their ability to meet a deadline so that teachers are then informed and can grant an extension for extenuating circumstances.

10. Problem Resolution

- If a student finds themselves in a situation in which they believe these expectations and policies have not been followed, the student should use the Spiral of Communication to try to resolve the issue. The purpose of the spiral is to encourage students to speak up for themselves and to encourage collaboration between teachers, school counselors, and the administration.

The Spiral of Communication

Step 1

The student should talk to their teacher and/or their assigned school counselor to try to resolve the issue.

Step 2

If no resolution is reached, the student and/or parents (or guardians) should email the teacher and cc: the student's school counselor.

Step 3

If no resolution is reached within a reasonable time frame, the student and/or parents (or guardians) should email the Assistant Principal specific to that department and cc: the AP of Pupil Personnel Services.

Step 4

If no resolution is reached within a reasonable time frame, the student and/or parent (or guardian) should email the Principal and cc: the Director of Family Engagement.