

# CONTRA COSTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## HOMEWORK POLICIES

The purpose of homework is to develop intellectual discipline, establish good study habits, balance classroom workload, supplement and reinforce material covered in class, and serve as a link between home and school. Homework may also be used to close achievement gaps between students. Numerous studies have proven that students who do their homework regularly perform better on standardized tests. Although the amount of time spent on homework is easily measured, using time as the only barometer for success can be deceptive. Student should anticipate roughly 30 minutes of homework per class each night for a total of 2 to 3 hours. Many students may choose to include a study hall as a part of their schedule which, when used wisely, can cut down on the amount of homework per night.

### Homework is most effective when it is:

- ☐ Relevant to learning objectives
- ☐ Appropriate to students' learning ability and maturity
- ☐ Assigned regularly
- ☐ Collected, corrected, and reviewed in class
- ☐ Assigned in reasonable amounts
- ☐ Well explained
- ☐ Supported by parents

### Benefits of Homework

#### **Homework benefits the student.**

- ☐ Homework gives the student extra time to practice and study the lessons that need to be mastered.
- ☐ Homework gives the students extra time to complete projects, papers, and essays.
- ☐ Homework provides an opportunity for students to reflect on lessons learned earlier at school. This increases the possibility that students will remember the lessons in the long term.
- ☐ Homework provides opportunities to develop responsibility and good study skills in preparation for lies beyond High School. (university, college, and the work place)

#### **Homework benefits the parent**

- ☐ Homework allows the parent to see what kind of work the class is doing. It keeps parents informed about what lessons are being taught at school.
- ☐ Homework provides the opportunity for parents to interact with their children over schoolwork.

#### **Homework benefits the teacher.**

- ☐ Homework provides additional time to complete and practice lessons. This frees up class time to spend on other important learning activities.
- ☐ Homework provides the teacher with a means of informing parents about what's being taught at school.