

## **Middle School Homework Statement**

We want students to develop a strong work ethic and learn how to work as hard as they play. Students are given extension and enrichment assignments that deepen the learning of the school day by providing them with a chance to preview and review material, apply and practice new skills, and read/problem solve independently. In addition, these assignments teach students to manage their time and balance school work with extracurricular activities and family life. Our teachers create rigorous and vibrant curricula and this holds true for homework; assignments are meant to extend learning in purposeful, meaningful, and creative ways.

The amount of take-home assignments a student has builds from fifth to eighth grade. Teachers work together to avoid homework crunches. The load can vary from night to night depending on projects and assessments, and regular study hall time for homework completion is built into the middle school schedule. Quantifying homework is a challenging endeavor as students often work at very different paces. The following numbers represent an approximation and often include time for independent reading.

<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8th</b>
70 minutes plus 15 minutes instrument practice	80 minutes plus 15 minutes instrument practice	90 minutes plus 20-30 minutes instrument practice	110 minutes plus 20-30 minutes instrument practice

\*In fifth and sixth grade instrumental music is a required course. In seventh and eighth grade, it is an elective.