



Expectations of Family Support Acknowledgement

Statement of Purpose

American Academy puts forward high expectations for our staff, students, and parents. In order for American Academy to achieve our mission for our students, it is critical that we have the full support of parents, during and after school. As a part of your enrollment obligations at American Academy, it is your responsibility to thoroughly review, understand, and agree to the expectations for homework, discipline, the carpool process, volunteerism, communication and other school policies as specified in the Parent eHandbook (www.americanacademyk8.org/ehandbook.aspx).

Initial here: _____ **Student Support and Homework Expectations**

American Academy's curriculum demands commitment and dedication in the classroom and at home to ensure academic achievement and success. For elementary students, that means reading with your child every night and helping them to learn to be responsible to complete their homework on time. For middle school students, that means supporting their special projects (such as science fair). For all students, it is critical to provide an environment at home that is conducive to homework time (i.e. not having activities scheduled every night, etc).

Below is a chart detailing general nightly homework expectations. Homework averages are estimates and may vary based on Science/History units and on individual students' developmental and academic abilities. Time spent at home can vary widely from student to student and is dependent on how efficiently the student is able to use class time and study hall. **All middle school students** are required to participate in Science Fair, which requires considerable work outside of class.

Grade Level	Average Nightly Homework	Details
K	30 minutes	Nightly reading, weekly math
1	40 minutes	Nightly reading, weekly math, weekly spelling
2 – 5	50 – 60 minutes	Nightly reading and math, weekly spelling and writing, some science or history, test preparation
6 – 8	1-2 hours	English: 30 minutes; History: 30 minutes; Math: 30 – 60 minutes; Science: up to 30 minutes; STEM: as required

* A 45-minute study hall is offered during the day to all middle school students to work on homework.

Initial here: _____ **Academic Grading Scale**

American Academy provides a challenging environment for students. Because they are being challenged, your students are not likely to receive straight A's much of the time. It is important to adjust your expectations accordingly and to support and encourage your students at home.

Grade	Percentage
A+	99 – 100
A	94 – 98
A-	92 – 93
B+	90 – 91
B	84 – 89
B-	82 – 83
C+	80 – 81
C	74 – 79
C-	72 – 73
D+	70 – 71
D	65 – 69
F	Below 65

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Initial here: _____ Volunteering

American Academy believes family volunteerism is a key component to the education of our students as it allows the School Administrators, faculty, staff and Board of Directors to focus on our number one priority: student achievement. Volunteerism comes in many forms, from something as simple as picking up litter to participating in a carpool route to organizing a fundraising event. Therefore, each family is expected to volunteer a minimum of 40 hours per family per academic year.

Important Information for American Academy Volunteers

- 1) A parent or guardian who volunteers at the school is expected to sign in at the school's administrative office.
 - 2) The volunteer must wear an approved volunteer badge at all times; the badge will be provided by an authorized school employee.
 - 3) Volunteers are asked to record their hours with an authorized school employee before leaving the school. This record of volunteer hours may be used for grants and other reporting requirements.
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Policies

All American Academy policies are available to read online at www.americanacademyk8.org/policies.aspx. Please read the following policies and initial where indicated to acknowledge your support and understanding.

Initial here: _____ I have read the American Academy **Carpool Policy**.

Initial here: _____ I have read the American Academy **Library Policy**.

Initial here: _____ I have read the American Academy **Parent Communication Policy**.

Initial here: _____ I have read the American Academy **Parent eHandbook** (www.americanacademyk8.org/ehandbook.aspx).

Initial here: _____ I have read the American Academy **Student Discipline Policy**.

Initial here: _____ I have read the American Academy **Student Uniform Policy**.

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Acknowledgement

Parents

I, _____, have read and understood the above policies and expectations and I agree to abide by all in support of the school and my student.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ *Date* _____

Student (grades 6-8 only)

I, _____, have read the above expectations, and acknowledge that completing my homework will be critical to my success at American Academy.

Student Signature _____ *Date* _____