

## MYP Homework Policy 2024/25

The best homework tasks exhibit five characteristics.

First, the task has a clear academic purpose, such as practice, checking for understanding, or applying knowledge or skills.

Second, the task efficiently demonstrates student learning.

Third, the task promotes ownership by offering choices and being personally relevant.

Fourth, the task instills a sense of competence - the student can successfully complete it without help.

Last, the task is aesthetically pleasing - it appears enjoyable and interesting.

Cathy Vatterot, 2010

### What makes good homework?

- Homework should develop and enhance learning
- Homework should link with relevant classroom-based learning
- It should be a challenge – but accessible to all students
- Homework should be set keeping in mind the time taken by individual students (depending on ability level, learning issues, etc.) rather than quantity of work (avoid busy work)
- It should be work that cannot be undertaken in school
- Feedback on Homework can take different forms but should be provided within 10 working days at the most

### Incomplete homework - with a valid reason:

- If students have not completed their homework for a valid reason (i.e., a family event or illness) **they are expected to take responsibility and communicate with the teacher, either verbally or via email.**
- The teacher may decide on a new date for handing in the work as required

### Incomplete homework - without a valid reason:

- **1st incomplete or non-submission** - the relevant teacher will talk to the student directly
- **2nd incomplete or non-submission** - the relevant teacher will speak to the student, inform parents and inform the homeroom teacher.

Homework is issued according to the following maximum weekly time allotments (for an average student, in minutes per subject), so homework does not exceed the given time over a week:

M1& M2: 30 minutes

M3: 40 minutes

M4 & M5 50 minutes

Teachers will record homework, formative and summative assessments on ManageBac. Homework is recorded with a **yellow** label. Students **are responsible for keeping track of their homework.**

If students do not complete sufficient classwork during class time (choosing instead to use class time for non-educational purposes), students will be asked to complete their learning at home. We do not consider this to be homework. In these instances:

- **1st instance** - the relevant teacher will talk to the student directly and inform the Homeroom teacher.
- **2nd instance** - the relevant teacher will speak to the student, inform parents and inform the Homeroom teacher.
- **3rd instance** - the relevant teacher will speak to the student and inform the Head of Middle School, who will communicate with parents.

In accordance with ISB's language policy, we always encourage all MYP students to read for 15-20 minutes each night in their family language or English, either a fiction/non fiction book or a text that relates to one of their subjects.