



# HELLENIC CLASSICAL CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear HCCS Parents/Guardians

In order for you to become familiar with our school's homework policy and procedures, we are presenting the following outline for your information.

## Guidelines of Homework

- In Kindergarten**, simple assignments will be given daily which will take no longer than 15 to 25 minutes to complete.
- In Grades 1 and 2**, a maximum of 35 minutes per day will be assigned and consist of reinforcement of skills taught that day. Assignments may also include reading independently or to a parent. Long term assignments in the form of short research projects and projects that integrate different subject area will be assigned occasionally.
- In Grades 3 and 4**, a maximum of 50 minutes per day will be assigned and reinforce reading and math skills taught each day. Home study in the areas of science and social studies may be assigned and written work may come from part of the assignment. Assignments in these areas can be projects or research as well. Book reports and writing assignments will be stressed on this level.
- In Grade 5**, a maximum of one hour and 15 minutes will be assigned per day. Assignments will reinforce skills taught in the various subject areas in addition to reading and math. These assignments include home study as well as written assignments. Special projects that integrate reading and one or more of the other subject areas will be included. Book reports and independent research assignments are also stressed on this level.
- In Grades 6, 7 and 8**, a maximum of two hours and 30 minutes will be assigned per day. Assignments will reinforce skills taught in the various subject areas in addition to reading and math. These assignments include home study as well as written assignments. Special projects that integrate reading and one or more of the other subject areas will be included. Book reports and independent research assignments are also stressed on this level.

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Homework is given every day, including Fridays and over holidays. However, these assignments may be written, reading study or a combination of all.

**Homework and official notices are to be read, checked and signed by parents each night.**

Students will have all homework assignments, tests and projects posted on the school's web site via virtual classrooms. Each teacher has established an on-line classroom which may be accessed via our school's web site is

[www.hccs-nys.org](http://www.hccs-nys.org).

## MINIMUM TIME ALLOTMENTS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>MINIMUM DAILY TOTAL</u>
K	Daily	15-25 minutes
1-2	Daily	25-35 minutes
3-4	Daily	35-50 minutes
5	Daily	75 minutes
6-8	Daily	150 minutes

Parents can provide very valuable assistance in the area of homework through the following:

1. Provide reading and research material that will assist your child.
2. Show an interest in your child's work by making yourself available and listening. Encourage your child's best efforts as often as possible.
3. Provide a suitable **time and place** for your child to study.
4. Take your child to the public library. It can price resources that will enrich your child's homework assignment.
5. Check your child's rest, work and play periods so that there will be enough time for each activity.
6. Attend open school conferences and parent meetings when possible.
7. Check your child's book bag for information. Read all notices and newsletters that come home with your child.
8. Visit our school to see your child's teacher, guidance counselor or a supervisor when a special home study problem arises. Contact the school by phone or letter when necessary.
9. Check for completion, accuracy and neatness when your child finishes an assignment.
10. Request homework assignments for short term absences and, if possible, home instruction for extended absences.



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We feel strongly that an effective school program of instruction is strengthened through a meaningful program of home study. It is essential for pupils to complete homework assignments on a regular basis to meet the increasing demands of the learning process and higher performance standards.

Homework not only enriches the school learning experience for the child, but it also develops in pupils a sense of responsibility, self-reliance and pride. It reinforces work-study skills and develops study habits. It helps pupils to learn how to budget their time wisely. Your home and our school must work together as partners in the education process. We are grateful for your cooperation in the implementation of this policy.

Sincerely,

*Natasha Caban*

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Principal

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I have read the notice on the homework policy of the Hellenic Classical Charter School. I have discussed this policy with my child. I will make every effort to encourage my child to maintain a high standard of performance in homework.

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Child's Name

Class

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Parent/Guardian Signature