



# ROCKSOLID

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CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## **Homework Policy**

We consider homework as essential to your student's education as well as success at Rock Solid. Homework is regarded as an opportunity to integrate educational responsibilities of parents with those of teachers, providing the preparation and review necessary for material covered in the classroom. The key to success is professional classroom instruction partnered with involved Christian parenting and teaching at home.

The amount of time spent on homework may vary. As students progress through the years, the amount of time required for more challenging subjects will increase. In some subjects (e.g. math, science, long-term projects), responsibilities are divided between the classroom teacher and the parent-teacher at home. Other courses require most of the teaching to be done in the classroom and homework assignments for these classes will be minimal.

The importance of parental involvement in the at-home classroom cannot be understated. "The primary responsibility of the parent here is to track the progress of their child, monitoring how they are doing. Is their child becoming discouraged? Are they enjoying the class? Are they using their time effectively? What are they learning? ...If problems develop for their child, students can be led to notify the teacher much sooner than they would have done on their own. Critically important to understand is that on days that students are not in class, they are still 'in school,' under the tutelage and/or supervision of a parent." ("The Basics of a University Model School")

As we work together to educate your student, please keep the following in mind:

- Parents are the key
- Character is the goal
- Education is the means
- Excellence is the standard

- Students are prepared for college and life

## **Rock Solid Homework Policy:**

- Students should expect at-home assignments for **all classes** offered at Rock Solid. The amount of time spent on homework varies with each class, however, additional time may be required to complete assignments in math and science. Students can expect several hours of at-home work on Mondays and Wednesdays. Teachers are encouraged to assign a lighter amount of homework on Thursdays as well.
- Unless special arrangements have been made in **advance**, homework assignments and tests are always due at the beginning of class on the day(s) determined by teachers. An assignment will be deemed “late” if it is not turned in when the instructor collects the assignment. If a student is unsure about due dates, parents should encourage them to contact the teacher or a fellow student for the assignment.
- In the case of excused absences, make-up work and tests are **due one week from the school day the student returns to school**. (e.g. If a student is absent and returns on November 3, all missed assignments and tests must be made up no later than November 10). All assignments that were due while the student was away, that the student was aware of, will be due upon the return of the student.
- Students are responsible for securing missed assignments and submitting them to their teacher by the due date.
- If you know your student will be missing school for an extended period, we strongly recommend you contact each teacher for assignments and have your student work ahead. This is particularly important when students will miss school at the end of a quarter.
- Teachers are responsible for posting graded assignments and tests on a weekly basis. Please check QuickSchools regularly to determine if your student has any missing work.
- We recommend students keep all work that has been graded and returned to them. If there is a question about grades or assignments, students will have copies for reference.
- Unless there are extenuating circumstances, **no late work will be accepted for a quarter which has already ended**.

### **Elementary School**

All homework is due at the start of the school day. Should there be an occasional missing assignment, teachers will work with the student to complete the work. Should missing assignments become a chronic issue, a conference with parents will be scheduled and the student will be required to complete missing assignments during recess.

### **Middle School**

All homework assignments are due at the **beginning** of the class period. For any late assignment, students will be required to complete a contract which includes a plan for making up the missing work. The contract must be signed by the student's parents before any grade is given. The penalty for late assignments is a 10% mark-down for each day (24 hours) the homework is not received. Individual teachers will determine the deadline after-which the late assignment will no longer be accepted (end of the unit, chapter, etc.). Each quarter, students will receive one Grace Coupon per class. Students are encouraged to use their coupons wisely.

### **High School**

All homework assignments are due at the **beginning** of the class period. If an assignment is late, the student will not be able to receive a grade above 50% credit. Individual teachers will determine the deadline after-which the late assignment will no longer be accepted (end of the unit, chapter, etc.). Each quarter, students will receive one Grace Coupon per class. Students are encouraged to use their coupons wisely.