
Homework Guidelines

Trinity Christian Academy views homework as an extension of classroom learning—not as an end in itself. Assignments should give students meaningful opportunities to practice skills, reinforce learning, prepare for upcoming instruction, and develop personal responsibility.

Because we value the partnership between school and home, TCA seeks to maintain a healthy balance between academic responsibilities and the time students need for **family, church, rest, and extracurricular activities**. Homework should be purposeful and manageable rather than excessive or simply “busy work.”

Homework Schedule

Regular homework will generally be assigned on **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings**. Teachers will communicate weekly assignments and expectations through a classroom newsletter, homework communication, or other designated method so that students and parents can plan accordingly.

No regular homework will be assigned on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. In addition, teachers will make every effort to avoid assigning homework on **nights when students have scheduled athletic games or other major school activities**.

The following guidelines represent the approximate amount of homework expected for the average student on a regular homework night:

Grade	Approximate Homework Time
Kindergarten	10 minutes
1st Grade	15 minutes
2nd Grade	25 minutes
3rd Grade	30 minutes
4th Grade	35 minutes
5th Grade	40 minutes
6th–12th Grade	40–50 minutes

These timeframes are **guidelines rather than strict limits**, recognizing that students work at different rates and that certain assignments may occasionally require additional time.

Classroom Work & Study Support Time

To further support student success and reduce the need for excessive work at home, TCA provides structured academic time during the school day:

- **Elementary students** are provided an allotted **classwork time within the school day** to begin and complete assigned practice and reinforcement activities under teacher supervision.
- **Middle School and High School students** are provided a scheduled **Study Hall period** designed to allow time for completing assignments, receiving academic support, and developing independent study habits.

Exceptions

Occasional assignments may fall outside the regular schedule when academically appropriate. These may include:

- Preparation for midterms, final examinations, or other significant assessments.
- Completion of classwork that a student did not finish during the allotted classroom time.
- Long-term projects, research assignments, or other work communicated to families in advance.

Teachers will use discretion to ensure that exceptions remain reasonable and consistent with the overall philosophy of the homework policy.

Student Support

Students who need additional explanation or assistance with an assignment are encouraged to seek help from their teacher. **Before-school office hours, available by appointment**, may provide an additional opportunity for students to receive clarification and support.

At TCA, our goal is for homework to **support learning without taking over family life**. We believe that students benefit academically and personally when they have appropriate time to learn, worship, serve, participate in activities, spend time with family, and rest.