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Culture and Language Academy of Success Homestudy Policy

1. The purpose of homestudy will be to reinforce and/or to enhance content areas skills taught, as opposed to learned, in class through practice and to provide an opportunity for developing strong study skills necessary for academic success in high school and beyond. The student advocates at CLAS will be making an effort to focus on appropriate practice and feedback during instructional time. It is suggested to the student advocate that all homestudy be standards-based and the standards being reinforced will be indicated on the homestudy.
2. It is expected that all students of CLAS will complete their homestudy completely and accurately in a consistent manner and that the care provider will provide support to the students in ways that contributes to success. It is understood that students who do not complete their homestudy consistently and with excellence will jeopardize their academic success at CLAS and future academic endeavors.
3. Following the recommendation of the research (Marzano, 1996), the time expected to complete the homestudy will be 10 minutes times the respective grade starting with kindergarten at 10 minutes, 1st grade 20 minutes, 2nd grade 30 minutes, 3rd grade 40 minutes, 4th grade 50 minutes, 5th grade 60 minutes, 6th grade 70 minutes, 7th grade 80 minutes, and 8th grade 90 minutes. These minutes are in addition to the standard 20 minutes of pleasure reading (or being read to) expected of every CLAS student everyday and the differentiated reading group homestudy (this only applies to grades K-2), which will be given according to the reading group level (meaning if the student is on a 1st grade level, he/she will have an additional 20 minutes of reading group homestudy). This time limit is exclusive of any and all long-term assignments and culminating projects, which will obviously take longer.
4. CLAS students are not to be punished by being withheld from recess, lunch, or in other related means for **not** completing their homestudy. Students will be offered times that they can complete their homestudy, if they choose to do so.
5. Care providers will be updated regularly regarding missing homestudy assignments and their relation to the learning in the class if the assignments are regularly missed.