

South Miami Senior High School

Homework Plan

2019-2020

South Miami Senior High School follows the School Board of Miami-Dade County Homework Policy. Teachers create purposeful homework as an essential component of the instructional process. Homework provides opportunities for developmental practice, the application of skills already learned, the development of independent study skills, enrichment activities, and self-discipline. Homework also provides reinforcement and extension of class instruction, serves as a basis for further study, and preparation for future class assignments. Responsibility for homework will gradually increase for students depending on the rigor of their coursework.

Our teachers take the following criteria into account when developing homework assignments:

- Level and degree of difficulty of the subject being studied and instructional needs of the student.
- The purpose of the assignment and its relation to the objectives of the course.
- The length of the assignment and the amount of time that will be required to complete it.
- Homework demands being made in other subject areas.
- Materials that are readily available to students and do not create a financial burden.
- Holidays and breaks.
- Ample time provided for completion and evaluation of group projects.
- Student education accommodations for IEPs, EPs, and 504 plans.

I. Homework Expectations:

- Recommended allotted time for homework for grades 9-12 is 120 minutes.
- Advanced Academic Courses (AICE/AP/Dual Enrollment) study time may vary due to rigor and curriculum.
- Students are expected to demonstrate integrity in all their academic endeavors, including homework.

Note: These times do not reflect the additional 30 minutes that are to be devoted to reading. Reading is recognized as a universal skill that is applicable to all subjects.

II. Homework Monitoring:

- Departments/Individual Teachers will use professional judgment/discretion as it relates to the instructional needs of students (i.e. remediation, test preparation).
- Develop homework schedules (i.e. clear syllabus work in Advanced Academic courses).
- Consistent weekly or monthly dates for assignments and/or projects.
- Review homework and provide feedback in a timely manner.

III. Additional Support and Resources:

- South Miami Sr. provides support for students via after school and Saturday tutoring in Reading, Math, Biology, US History, Advanced Academic Courses (AICE/AP/Dual Enrollment), ACT/SAT Prep.
- Online Programs and support resources: Edmodo, Edgenuity, No Red Ink, Khan Academy, Common Lit, NewsELA, Acheive3000, teacher made study guides, test prep skills sheets, Remind101.