



# SHAKER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## PARENTS CHECKLIST FOR HOMEWORK

- ◆ Academic skills
- ◆ Responsibility
- ◆ That they are capable!
- ◆ Time management
- ◆ Organizational Skills
- ◆ What they like learning
- ◆ Reinforces learning
- ◆ Practice improves performance
- ◆ Dedication and hard work pay off
- ◆ Effort and success are linked
- ◆ When they need assistance
- ◆ Confidence in their growing skills and abilities.
- ◆ Improved grades
- ◆ Assists with test/quiz preparation



Developing strong homework habits is critical as students move forward on the journey of obtaining an excellent education.

- ◆ Set **clear expectations** regarding the importance of the completion of daily homework
- ◆ **Establish a daily schedule** with your child and hold them to the established schedule...make it a routine so they develop this important **DAILY HABIT.**
- ◆ It is **CRITICAL** to check your child's backpack each day to see how well they are managing staying organized. **Help them get organized** as needed by following the organizational system established by each teacher for each class.
- ◆ **READ THE PLANNER** each day and ask to see completed work.
- ◆ **Assist and guide** your child when necessary while always letting your child complete the work. This will help your child gain confidence.
- ◆ Ask to **see all completed work** even if your child reports that it was completed in school. **ALL** work should be brought home each day.

# Welcome to Shaker Junior High School



## A PARENTS' GUIDE TO ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE HOMEWORK ROUTINE



Experience has taught us that all students need parent(s) assistance and support to make the transition to Junior High School. Establishing an effective homework routine is a crucial step in helping your child meet with academic success. This is not the time to let your child demonstrate their independence. Students need their parents to establish and monitor the daily homework routine.

# The Importance of Homework

As students begin the journey of secondary school, it is critical that they establish sound practices



**Building skills for the future**

around the completion of daily homework. A junior high student's academic success and the continued development of their academic skills is connected to the effort they put forth when completing daily assignments.

Parents must set clear expectations regarding their child's responsibility to complete homework each day. We strongly recommend that parents establish

a **ninety minute daily homework** schedule with their child that is closely monitored. Parents can expect students to complete work independently while assisting when a child has questions. Students should be encouraged to seek assistance from their classroom teacher if they are challenged by a particular assignment. Parents must read a student's academic planner to check on the child's assignments and ask to see the work. Students will need to be monitored closely at the beginning of the year until they master the homework routines and study skills necessary to meet with academic success. Some students will need their parent's assistance all year. Homework allows students time to practice new skills while preparing for the next day's lessons. Students who are prepared for school are more confident learners and meet with academic success. **Your assistance in monitoring homework, lets your child know that his or her education is important to you and to their future.**

# Tips to Establish a Homework ROUTINE!!

## GETTING STARTED: Study Location & Staying Organized

- ⇒ Set a **block of time each day** that fits the child's and family's schedule. Keep in mind extra curricula activities and family commitments.
- ⇒ Establish a **quiet place** to complete work without distractions (no computer access unless it is needed to complete a specific assignment). We recommend the **same location** everyday and only one spot.
- ⇒ Have **supplies** available to complete homework.
- ⇒ Many students benefit from **completing assignments in the same subject order each day.**

## PARENT-CHILD TEAMWORK

- ⇒ **Parents MUST monitor the daily completion of homework** by checking the child's planner and having child show parent the completed work. ALL students need a parents assistance until they have demonstrated responsibility and independence as demonstrated through positive academic achievement.



**Working Together For Academic Success**

- ⇒ Parents should **assist students in developing daily organizational habits** by overseeing the proper placements of daily materials to return to school each day.
- ⇒ Split families must work together to ensure that a **consistent homework schedule** is established and followed in multiple households.
- ⇒ Students who play musical instruments must **plan practice time** when planning homework sessions.
- ⇒ Parents can assist students in establishing a schedule and **action plan for completing long term assignments** and projects.
- ⇒ Ask your child about upcoming quizzes/ tests and help them **plan when they will study.**

- ⇒ Help your child **study for quizzes and tests** by reviewing materials.

## STUDENTS TAKE CHARGE

- ⇒ Students **MUST establish a daily homework schedule and routine** that can be monitored by parent(s).
- ⇒ Students **MUST organize each subject's papers daily.** Follow the system of organization established by each classroom teacher.
- ⇒ Students **MUST record all assignments in the planner** and refer to the **academic planner** to complete assigned work.
- ⇒ **Homework is not complete until the student has properly packed up all of their necessary assignments and books to return to school the next day.** Students must pack a school supply bag while working through their nine period day. Students will need to check the planner for all necessary assignments and double check that they have all supplies for the next school day. Students must recall class assignments for their "A" or "B" day classes.
- ⇒ Students **Must pack book bag the night before** and leave by door for early morning departure for school...one less thing to do in the morning!
- ⇒ Students **MUST organize their papers each day** before starting homework and when homework is completed.
- ⇒ Students **MUST organize all materials** to return to school each day with papers in proper locations so they can be easily found and turned in each day.
- ⇒ Completion of daily homework will have a **significant impact on your quarterly grades.**

**AFTER SCHOOL ASSISTANCE** Faculty members are available after school for academic assistance and will inform students of their after school help schedule. Students will benefit from assistance if they struggle with the development of a new skill and/or appear frustrated with the assigned homework. Students who remain after school with a teacher will be given a bus pass to take a late bus home.