



Expectations of Family Support Acknowledgement

Student Names

List the names of all your American Academy students. If student last names are different from the family last name, please include the student last name.

Student: _____ Student: _____
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Statement of Purpose

American Academy puts forward high expectations for our staff, students, and parents. In order for American Academy to achieve our mission for our students, it is critical that we have the full support of parents, during and after school. As a part of your enrollment obligations at American Academy, it is your responsibility to thoroughly review, understand, and agree to the expectations for homework, discipline, the carpool process, volunteerism, communication and other school policies as specified in the [Parent Handbook](#).

I. Student Support and Homework Expectations

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American Academy's curriculum demands commitment and dedication in the classroom and at home to ensure academic achievement and success. For elementary students, that means reading with your child every night and helping them to learn to be responsible to complete their homework on time. For middle school students, that means supporting their special projects. For all students, it is critical to provide an environment at home that is conducive to homework time (i.e. not having activities scheduled every night, etc).

Below is a chart detailing general nightly homework expectations. Homework averages are estimates and may vary based on Science/History units and on individual students' developmental and academic abilities. Time spent at home can vary widely from student to student and is dependent on how efficiently the student is able to use class time and study hall.

Grade Level	Average Homework Time	General Expectations
K	30 minutes	Nightly reading and math
1	40 minutes	Nightly reading and math, weekly spelling
2 – 5	50 – 60 minutes	Nightly reading and math, weekly spelling and writing, some science or history, test prep
6 – 8	1-2 hours	English: 30 min; History: 30 min; Math: 30 – 60 min; Science: up to 30 min; STEM: as required

* A 45-minute study hall is offered during the day to all middle school students to work on homework.

II. Academic Grading Scale

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American Academy provides a challenging environment for students. Because they are being challenged, your students are not likely to receive straight A's much of the time. It is important to adjust your expectations accordingly and to support and encourage your students at home.

Grade	Percentage	Grade	Percentage	Grade	Percentage
A+	99 – 100	B	84 – 89	C-	72 – 73
A	94 – 98	B-	82 – 83	D+	70 – 71
A-	92 – 93	C+	81 – 80	D	65 – 69
B+	90 – 91	C	79 – 74	F	Below 65

III. Volunteering

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American Academy believes family volunteerism is a key component to the education of our students as it allows the school administrators, faculty, staff and Board of Directors to focus on our number one priority: *student achievement*. Volunteerism comes in many forms, from something as simple as picking up litter to participating in a carpool route to organizing a fundraising event. Therefore, each family is expected to volunteer a minimum of 40 hours per family per academic year.

Important Information for American Academy Volunteers

- 1) A parent or guardian who volunteers in the school building is expected to sign in at the school's front office every time you enter the school.
- 2) The volunteer must wear an approved volunteer badge at all times; the badge will be provided by an authorized school employee.
- 3) Volunteers are asked to record their hours on the school's [Volunteer Tracking site](#). This record of volunteer hours may be used for grants and other reporting requirements.

IV. Annual Student Testing

The regular testing of American Academy students throughout the school year is a critical component of our academic success as it helps us measure progress and drive instruction with the most current and relevant information about how each student is learning. Please initial below to acknowledge your support and understanding.

Initial here > _____ I acknowledge and support the use of **MAP Testing** at least twice annually at American Academy.

V. Policies

All American Academy policies are available to read online at www.americanacademyk8.org/policies.aspx. Please read the following policies and initial where indicated to acknowledge your support and understanding.

Initial here > _____ I have read the American Academy **Attendance Policy**.

Initial here > _____ I have read the American Academy **Carpool Policy**.

Initial here > _____ I have read the American Academy **Library Policy**.

Initial here > _____ I have read the American Academy **Parent Communication Policy**.

Initial here > _____ I have read the American Academy **Parent Handbook**.

Initial here > _____ I have read the American Academy **Student Discipline Policy**.

Initial here > _____ I have read the American Academy **Student Uniform Policy**.

VI. Acknowledgement

Parents:

I, _____, have read and understood the above policies and expectations and I agree to abide by all in support of the school and my student.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____
Date

Students (Grades 6-8 only):

I, _____, have read the above expectations, and acknowledge that completing my homework will be critical to my success at American Academy.

Student Signature _____
Date

I, _____, have read the above expectations, and acknowledge that completing my homework will be critical to my success at American Academy.

Student Signature _____
Date