



Principals' Training Center

PTCnet Survey Summary

TOPIC:	Vacation Homework Policy
QUERY:	Thank you to those who responding to this survey about policies for assigning homework during vacations. The results are most interesting.
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TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONSES:	20
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Responses:

See below.

As a staff we are exploring the creation of a homework policy / expectations for students regarding the amount of work that they should expect on an extended holiday (October break, spring break, etc). I was curious if any of your schools have such a policy? Our first draft of the policy states:

"Students should expect no more than 15 minutes of homework per day / per subject on extended school holidays".

If your school has any such policy or guidelines I would be very appreciative if you could pass it along. I can compile and share with any that are interested.

-I'm sorry to say that we don't have a policy regarding Extended Holiday Homework. If it helps, we do tell the teachers that such work is based on the current Unit of Instruction, length of the holiday, and the needs of the students. This also includes the possibility of no homework assigned at all.

-Our policy is to treat a long holiday as if it were a weekend. No long term assignments can be due the day we return and no tests can be administered.

-We have a policy of no homework over any holidays in Years 7-11 apart from the Personal Project for our Year 11 students (we do the MYP). Our Year 12 and 13 DP students are expected to work on IA and Extended Essay requirements as well as revision.

-No homework requirements on holidays, except if they have incomplete work they must make up. However, all students are asked to read for pleasure daily during the holidays.

-we have a policy of no HW over school holidays. Not sure if that helps, but take it for what it's worth!

-Although our Diploma students are expected to do reading, research etc over the holidays, there is no other homework given to other grades. Pretty much defeats the purpose of 'holiday' I'd suspect :)

-No homework over extended breaks with the exception of IB and AP courses. If the staff doesn't have homework neither should students. Should be family time

-For Grades 6 – 10, no homework is assigned during the extended school holidays.

-Our document clearly states that up to Grade 9 no homework may be given during holidays other than some reading in Grades 6-12. In Grade 10 students would be expected to do some work on their Personal Project, and in Grades 11 and 12, on their EE.

-In preparation for their transition to the IB Diploma programme, students in Grade 10 should anticipate completing some homework tasks during their vacations. We also expect that during the summer vacation between Grades 9 and 10, students will begin working on their Personal Project, and to complete this project successfully, students will need to work on this during the Autumn, Christmas and Winter Break.

The following exceptions can be set as work over the holidays:

- Specific reading tasks set by their language teachers;
- Work missed during regular term time due to sickness;
- Additional work for students who are struggling to meet the individual expectations in specific subject areas (set in consultation with the MYP Director of Studies);
- Enrichment work for students who wish to complete optional learning tasks.

-We have a no homework over school holidays policy with exceptions for Advanced Placement classes.

-Our homework expectation at AISJ is that students should not have more homework over an extended holiday than they would over a normal weekend.

-Actually in our school, and at my previous school, we held to a no homework policy during vacations. We found that this actually increased student engagement upon their return from the breaks, and parents also greatly appreciated the school placing a high value upon family time.

-At ISBangkok, we essentially consider the days after those breaks as assessment free. In other words no homework during those longer breaks (unless they missed due dates and are making up work). We encourage independent reading during those breaks with books they are interested in (not necessarily assigned ones).