

HOW TO HANDLE HOMEWORK PROBLEMS

PROBLEM

SOLUTION

“I have a lot of other thing to do, so I don’t have time for homework

Homework is not an option. Eliminate some of your other activities.

“I let my homework go until the last minute”.

Use an assignment sheet or calendar. Write down *all* of your assignments. Check your sheet or calendar daily so homework doesn’t sneak up on you.

“I don’t pay attention to how important homework is for my grade. Then it’s too late.”

Listen to your teachers when they tell you what counts in their classes. Most teachers will base at least part of your grade on my homework.

“I forget to take my books home, or I forget to bring my homework to class.”

Keep your materials (books, papers, assignment sheet, calendar) organized. Check your sheet or calendar before you leave school each day. Use it like a shopping list to decide what you need to take home from your locker. Check it in the morning to find out what you need to bring to school.

“I forgot the instructions. Sometimes I don’t understand them in the first place.”

Write down all assignments and directions. If there’s something you don’t understand, ask the teacher or a friend for help.

“I spend a lot of time on home-work, but I still can’t get it all done.”

Are distractions keeping you from working (TV, phone calls, the Internet, noise, interruptions)? If distractions aren’t the problem, talk to your teacher. See if they have any suggestions. (Maybe they’re assigning too much homework and you’re not the only one who can’t get it all done.)

“All of my teachers assign home-work on the same day. Then they give tests on the same day. I can’t keep up!”

Use assignment sheets or a calendar to organize the assignments you know about in advance. (Write down what’s due when.) Ask your teachers if they can give you longer lead times on some assignments. If your work still piles up, talk to your teachers. See if they’re willing to compare their schedules and give assignments and tests on different days. If this doesn’t work, take your problem to the school counsellor or student council.