

Coordinating homework and written tests at Albert-Schweitzer-Schule

Homework are an indispensable element of school teaching. They have many functions and are used in a targeted manner in order to support children's learning. The directives of the school boards regulate the scope of homework and written tests, as well as conventional and media-based presentations. Bearing this in mind, the teacher and school body of Albert-Schweitzer-Schule has decided on the following binding rules:

Homework

- Pupils in years 5-7 should spend an average of 6 hours a week on homework excluding the learning of vocab or memorizing poems.
- The main subjects German, Mathematics and the 1st and 2nd foreign language may include assignments of up to 40 minutes, but should the subject be taught the following day a maximum of 15 minutes applies (different regulations apply to the "Lernzeitklasse" (full-day school class integrating homework) and for " Sportklasse" (high-performance sport students)
- Teachers aim at coordinating the number of assignments per group and day. The form teacher checks the group's timetable to avoid peak load days in agreement with the other teachers in the class.
- If parents should observe that their child requires extensively more time to finish the homework, they can allow the child to discontinue the work for the time being, but are requested to write a written note to the teacher. In case this occurs regularly parents are requested to contact the teacher to analyze the underlying reasons for it.

Homework assignments are an integral part of developing the skills of working independently and autonomously. These processes are supported through a training in learning and study strategies (Methodentraining).

Parents are kindly requested to provide a quiet environment to ensure that their children have a place to complete homework assignments uninterruptedly and learn to organize themselves and their work independently. Parents are not expected to help as private tutors.

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Coordinating exams

- All tests and exam dates shall be collected in a planner at the beginning of term. No more than two exams should be scheduled per week.

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