

The Lebanese School – Qatar

LSQ Homework Policy and Guidelines

1. Philosophy and Purpose

Homework at LSQ is a purposeful extension of classroom learning that reinforces knowledge, builds skills, and promotes responsibility and organization while maintaining a balanced workload that supports student well-being.

2. General Principles

- Homework primarily reinforces classroom learning and is not intended for students to independently learn new concepts at home, except when implemented as part of a structured instructional model (e.g., flipped classroom)
- Tasks are meaningful, manageable, and age-appropriate
- Instructions are clear, specific, and actionable
- Homework may take the form of assessments in Grades 6–12
- Homework is not used to compensate for unfinished classwork
- Student submissions must reflect personal effort and authenticity, with adults providing guidance only, when necessary, without taking over the task

3. Design and Quality of Homework

Preschool

Homework is not formal academic work; it is a short, guided, play-based or listening-focused activity that reinforces oral communication and early learning routines through practical, developmentally appropriate tasks.

Primary (Grades 1–5)

Homework reinforces reading, listening, math, vocabulary, and lesson-connected skills through short student-completed tasks that avoid long written compositions, independent new-concept learning, or adult takeover.

Middle & Secondary (Grades 6–12)

Homework deepens understanding through focused practice, analytical thinking, short written or oral responses, research, or assessment-based tasks. Assignments include clear success criteria and coordinated deadlines. While homework is not intended to compensate for unfinished classwork, limited and intentional exceptions may be made when pedagogically justified.

4. Workload and Coordination

Preschool

Preschool home learning tasks must not exceed 15 minutes per day.

Primary

- **Grades 1–2:** up to **30 minutes** per day
- **Grades 3–4:** up to **45 minutes** per day
- **Grade 5:** up to **60 minutes** per day
- **Grade 6:** up to **70 minutes** per day

Middle & Secondary

- No more than one major test falls on the same day
- No more than three major tests are scheduled per week
- No more than one test per week relies primarily on memorization
- Major projects or long-term assignments are shared at least two weeks before the due date
- Coordinators and the Head of Section ensure workload balance across subjects
- No homework, test, or project deadlines are scheduled on the first day students return from a school vacation
- Homework resumes after vacations with clear instructions and realistic completion timelines

5. Homework Communication: Weekly Newsletter & Daily Planner

At the Preschool and Primary levels, homework is communicated through a Weekly Newsletter and Daily Planner shared on Microsoft Teams. The Head of Section posts the Newsletter and Planner every Thursday, before the start of the upcoming week, and teachers explain the tasks in class to ensure students understand what is required. Resources and supporting materials are uploaded when tasks are ready for completion, following classroom learning, ensuring clarity for students and families.

6. Homework Platforms and Resources

All homework, assignments, and assessment-based tasks are posted on Microsoft Teams. Students and parents have visibility of tasks in advance to support planning. The same expectations for clarity, balance, and coordinator/HOS visibility apply to all homework formats, including digital tasks. Digital tasks are purposeful, clearly defined, and manageable, and do not replace meaningful learning activities.

7. Homework Review, Feedback, and Classroom Follow-Up

Homework is always acknowledged and reviewed in class to ensure it feeds back into learning. This may include short discussion, peer or self-correction, targeted teacher feedback, or integration into the next lesson to support reflection, improvement, and understanding.

9. Roles and Responsibilities

- **Teachers:** Assign, explain homework, monitor progress, and provide feedback
- **Team Leaders:** Monitor and balance homework load across classroom subjects

- **Homeroom Teachers (Grades 6–12):** Monitor the homework and assessment calendar on Teams, support students weekly in tracking deadlines and staying organized, and share observations with the Head of Section
- **Coordinators & Heads of Section:** Ensure planning coherence and workload alignment across subjects
- **Students:** Complete homework authentically using personal effort
- **Parents:** Encourage routines and refer to planners for visibility and planning

10. Policy Monitoring and Review

This policy was written in October 2025. The Academic Senior Leadership Team monitors implementation and effectiveness. The policy is reviewed every three years and updated as needed.