

Buffett Tips for Homework Success

- Students should have about 10 minutes of homework each night for each grade.
 - 5th - 50 minutes*
 - 6th - 60 minutes*
 - 7th - 70 minutes*
 - 8th - 80 minutes*
- *If reading is a part of the homework assignment students should have about 15 minutes of homework each night for each grade.
- Homework will be different for students with varied disabilities. Modifications will be made.
- Check the “Homework Hotline” at (402) 561-6199 and website: www.ops.org/middle/buffett for daily updates after 4:30 p.m.
- Check your student’s agendas for updates and needs for each class.
- A rubric provides the student a scoring guide with criteria and expectations for an assignment. Rubrics will be provided for the majority of assignments
- Homework will be categorized into three types: practice, worth 10 percent; formative, worth 35 percent; and summative, worth 55 percent.
- Grades will be available for on line viewing later this fall (2009) through our new Infinite Campus computer software program. Specific detailed information will be sent to parents on how to access the website. Parents will be able to view their child’s grades anytime.
- Grades will be posted without student names for students to check their progress in each of their classrooms using a student link number. Please discuss how they are doing based upon their posted grades.

General Tips for Homework Success

- Help your student develop good homework habits, such as: 1) dividing large assignments into “chunks” so that due dates are met; 2) highlighting main ideas or key points; 3) working on revisions and reviewing homework for accuracy; and 4) referencing the criteria in the rubric (scoring criteria) to ensure understanding of the expectations.
- Take an active interest in your student’s schooling. Monitor assignments, provide guidance and talk with teachers to resolve problems.
- As much as possible, set up a quiet, comfortable study area with good lighting and the school supplies.
- Set a family quiet time where you and your student can work together. Your student can work on homework while you are reading, letter writing, doing email or paperwork.
- Allow your student to study in a way each of them learns best.
- Make homework a daily activity.

