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### **LHCS Statement of Purpose**

We believe it is our responsibility as Christians to raise children in the light of God's Word. The education of children must be Christ-centered, equipping them to become responsive disciples of Christ who seek the will of the Lord in all aspects of life.

### **LHCS Mission Statement**

Kitchener-Waterloo Christian School Society advances dynamic, excellent Christ-centered education through unconstrained facilities, exceptional programs, and extensive resources that cultivate responsive disciples of Christ.

### **LHCS Vision Statement**

As a diverse community, Kitchener Waterloo Christian School Society intentionally engages God's world, locally and globally, through distinctive educational programming, strategic partnerships and sustainable growth.

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## **Policy 703 – Homework and Project Policy**

### **Definition of Homework**

Homework is work assigned by teachers to be completed at home by students

It includes:

- work missed due to school absences
- study for tests and quizzes (including memory verses and spelling tests)
- reading such as logs and book reports
- research
- making models
- speeches and science fair projects (alternate years)
- additional practice work
- creative writing

### **Guidelines for Homework**

Most of the work assigned to the students should be done at school; however, some homework will be assigned on a daily basis, within these general rules:

Grades K - 3:

- 1 – 3: memory work, catch up work, practice word wall words
- Tests/quizzes and the study of math facts in grade 3

Grades 4 - 6:

- An average of 40 - 60 minutes per day, including studying

Grades 7 - 8:

- An average of 70 - 80 minutes per day, including studying

The amount of homework will be modified for some students.

Our students are encouraged to always be reading, or to be read to (especially in the primary grades), at home, on a daily basis.

It is the student's responsibility to record homework. All students in grades 4 - 8 are provided with a yearly planner from the school. Teachers will write all homework on the board and provide time for students to record the assignments in their planners.

Teachers will give students enough notice of testing dates to allow for sufficient studying time.

A test will be given on the assigned day and will not be postponed except under exceptional conditions.

Contact will be made with the parents when homework, studying or other significant problems occur.

Parents are encouraged to ensure that their children complete their homework daily; however, parents are requested to provide minimal assistance in the actual completion of the assignments, unless this is a special arrangement with the school.

## **Student Project Policy**

### **What is a project?**

A project is a formal assignment given to students on a topic relating to the curriculum and involving some independent research work. It is an experience for learning how to take responsibility for one's work.

Guidelines for the Number of Assigned Projects:

- Research for projects will only be done in class in grades kindergarten to three. Some of the reading, model making/display making and good copy writing may be done at home.
- Grade one will have a maximum of one project.
- Grade two will have a maximum of two projects.
- Grades three through six will have a maximum of three projects.
- Grades seven and eight will have a maximum of five projects.
- In grades 4 through 8, part of the project will be done at school and some parts will be assigned to be completed at home.

### **Parental Involvement**

Students will be given a time-frame with specific instructions concerning the various tasks and their due dates. Parents will be informed via the weekly Newsletter regarding due dates. Parents are requested to encourage their children to work on and complete the project, but they should not be doing any of the work for the project. In the primary grades, parents may help their children with the keyboarding in preparing the good copy of the project.