



ALLEN ACADEMY

Why do some teachers post Home Learning differently?

Different subjects and different teachers have reasons why their platforms are the best for their students. We believe that part of adaptive expertise is that students should be able to find their Home Learning in a reasonable number of digital places.

How does the schedule support this?

In the Lower School, students have the time to interact with teachers in ways that develop a good understanding of the Home Learning experience. Teachers have the ability to direct and redirect student planning efforts which combine school and Home Learning modalities.

Middle and Upper School students have a study hall at least once a day. This allows them to prioritize their learning in terms of what they want to cover at school and what they would like to work on at home. US students have study hall twice a week and drop periods three times a week. This also allows them to determine what they want to work on when.

How far in advance do students know what Home Learning is available?

In the LS, experiences are assigned in ranges including several days, a week, up to a month in advance.

In the MS/US all students know what is coming up at least five school days in advance.

Will students still cover all of the curriculum?

Home Learning will allow students to push themselves regardless of the pace of other children. We feel that Home Learning will help students reach their maximum potential.

How will this affect our family time?

One of the key elements to Home Learning is that flexibility in the schedule allows families to have more time together doing things that they enjoy.

I think I get it... but what does it really look like?

A student who is going to start a new unit on September 1 will have access to those resources a week ahead of time and could dive into the learning prior to it being rolled out in class. That student could also bring resources to the teacher to have an impact on what the whole class will learn. In another scenario, a student who has struggled to learn a concept could opt into further review for a couple of days until they have mastered those concepts. Similarly, a teacher could identify an area of interest and assign a certain group of students a specific challenge that only they dive into because of that passion.

What will be the benefits of Home Learning?

On the student end they will be in more control over when they engage in their work. This will help them become more independent learners. In terms of families, there will be more control over their lives because there won't be the "what do you have to do for homework tomorrow" discussion at home. It should look more like "what could you be working on for next week because you know we have (fill in the commitment) this weekend"?