



International Academy of Saginaw

Breakdown of Classes Per Week

Grade 4

English: 8 Periods. This includes Reading, Grammar, Writing, Spelling, Handwriting, and Vocabulary. Each area is tested and reported separately. On the report card, an average English score will also be reported. It is important to note that this is not a straight average; sub-subjects are weighted differently depending on grade level.

Math: 8 Periods. Grade 4 students work with place value, decimals, and fractions. They continue to master multiplication and division. They also work with measurement, story problems, predicting outcomes, and measuring time. They begin to work with Geometry during grade 4 as well.

Social Studies: 3 Periods. The Social Studies textbook is called *Michigan: Adventures in Time and Place*. We will always read the material together, and then a worksheet or activity may be sent home to review the material. Periodic exams are given 3 times per term in Social Studies.



Science: 3 Periods. Science is taught in two sections: Relative Position and Motion and Environments. Relative Position and Motion will be taught in the first two terms, and Environments will be taught during term three. Science also includes nutrition and health.

World Language: 5 Periods. Students take classes in Spanish in the four language learning skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking.

Physical Education: 1 Period. Physical education includes various individual and team sports. The emphasis is on lifetime fitness and cooperative play. Throughout the program we promote the values of individual effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Art: 1 Period. Students are expected to try their best. Artwork is based on drawing and painting from direct observation. Projects are theme based, and although students work individually, their work may contribute to a group project.

Music: 1 Period. Grade 4 students will spend one period per week in music class. The music curriculum includes a study of the eight elements of music:

dynamics, rhythm, pitch, tone, color, tempo, texture, form, and style, through singing, listening, visual media, theory games, children's literature, creative movement, and playing classroom instruments.

Computer: 1 Period*. Keyboarding skills and other activities relating to the curriculum. Students may learn how to research information on the internet. Students may also have the opportunity to take Accelerated Reader tests during computer class.



Behavior

Student code: See Student Handbook.

Gold slips and discipline referral sheets: See Student Handbook.

Attendance/Make-up Work

Daily attendance is taken.

Tardy arrivals are recorded after the first bell at 8:00 AM.

Absent students are held accountable for missed work. A make-up list will be compiled by the teacher; work will be due in a timely fashion. It will be the student's responsibility to ask for make-up work.

Diaries

Student Diaries are provided by the school and are used Monday through Friday. An average of 30-40 minutes of homework per night is expected. If a Diary is lost or misplaced, the student will be expected to buy a new one.

Homework

Homework is assigned on concepts that students have already worked on in class. Therefore, the student should work with little or no help from the parents. Expect students to have homework every night in Math and English.

Snacks

Snack time is held during the morning break and need to be brought from home. Snacks that are nutritious are much appreciated. Please do not send candy, chips, or soda pop.

Friday Folders

A Friday Folder will be sent home every Friday containing papers from the week. The folder may contain: daily work, past quizzes and tests, homework, and the IAS Weekly Update which includes other important information that the school needs to communicate home. This folder is intended to be a tool for parent/guardians and teacher communication. Friday Folders should be returned each Monday morning.