

ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
HOMWORK CENTER POLICY

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The Homework Center in the Orange Public Library & History Center is a study room that includes 7 computers with Internet access. It is a volunteer-staffed homework assistance program after school for students ages 6 – 12. No advance registration is needed, and students are welcome to visit this educational resource as frequently as their learning interests and assignments warrant.

Any child who attends the afterschool Homework Center (HC) must have a parent/responsible adult elsewhere within the library at all times. The parent/responsible adult must sign in and sign out his or her child as that child enters and leaves the HC. This program is focused upon academic assistance, not child care, and library staff members cannot assume responsibility for children left alone in the library.

Orange Public Library (OPL) has provided additional resources, including computer and Internet access that require that the student possesses a valid OPL library card. Each student and his or her parent/guardian are responsible for obtaining and maintaining his or her library card.

The HC may also be used for parents/responsible adults and students during the hours that it is not staffed by volunteers. In this case, the parent or responsible adult must sign in both him or herself and his or her child, and remain in the HC with the child at all times. Both the adult and child must have a valid library card in good standing. The HC may not be used for commercial purposes or activities for which a fee is charged.

When making use of the services of the Homework Center, students should observe the rules of the library and should treat library materials, and their fellow patrons, with respect. The *Library Rules of Conduct Policy* applies in all Study Rooms. This includes no food or beverages (except water) allowed.