



Grading Practices

School: Ocean Lakes High School

Subject(s): Magnet Molecular Biology and AP Biology

Grade Level: 10th -12th

Homework

- Homework usually falls into one of three categories: practice, preparation, or extension.
- Students should expect to have some homework
- Students who miss homework because of absence will receive the opportunity to make up missed work
- If a student does not turn in an assignment on the due date, the teacher will enter an "M" in the grade book
- While late homework assignments will be accepted, full credit may not be awarded
- Homework that is obviously copied will result in a grade of 0 for the persons involved
- Individuals with extenuating circumstances will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis
- Homework is < 10% of the quarter grade

Late Work

- If a student does not turn in an assignment by the due date, the teacher will enter an "M" in the grade book
- While late assignments will be accepted, students who are tardy in their submission will be charged a 20% late fee.
- This fee does not grow with the number of days it takes to complete the work
- Individuals with extenuating circumstances will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis

Explanation of Zeroes

- Teacher will refrain from initially assigning a zero for work that is missing
- An “M” will be put into the grade book meaning the assignment is missing or has not been turned in
- Efforts will be made to hold student accountable for completing missing work before assigning a zero
- Teacher will use discretion for exceptions for extenuating circumstances

Reassessment

- A student shall be permitted to retake any major test he or she has failed within timelines set by the teacher
- Students must follow the retake process outlined below to take a reassessment
- A written request by the student, including an explanation for requesting the retake
- The student’s demonstration of effort to attain mastery learning, which includes test corrections and being caught-up with classwork and homework
- The student must arrange with the teacher for a retake
- If the test is passed on the second attempt, the failing grade shall be removed from the grade book, and the passing grade recorded
- End-of-semester exams cannot be retaken

Make-up Work

- The timely completion of assignments is expected
- Students will be given the opportunity to make up work for all excused and verified absences
- Immediately upon returning to school, the student must contact teachers concerning arrangements for making up work
- Work missed should be made up within the number of school days the student was absent from school
- Work turned in after the allotted number of school days may receive a reduction in grade
- Under extenuating circumstances, the due date for this work may be adjusted at the discretion of the teacher

- An assignment given to a student for make-up purposes will be given full credit provided it satisfies the conditions for make-up work

Extra Credit

- Academic extra credit will not be given as a separate assignment
- No extra academic credit may be given for bringing supplies, canned goods, or other items not associated with course and curricular objectives

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