



Grading Practices

School: Ocean Lakes High School

Subject(s): Astronomy and Magnet Astronomy

Grade Level: 10, 11 and 12

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 $\leq 10\%$ 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 10% late fee up until the end of the unit. Once the unit is completed, no late work will be accepted.
- 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 due to extenuating circumstances
- Students who exhibit a chronic pattern of behavior around missing work will receive a referral for support services

Reassessment

- A student shall be permitted to make test corrections on major tests as long as they have not received an “M” in the gradebook
- Corrections may ONLY be made after school for the specified time allotted and on the date chosen by the teacher
- All students who have received an “M” and have completed their missing work before the original test day may elect to do test corrections.
- If “M”s are not completed before the test day, then the opportunity for test corrections will not be permitted
- It is the student’s responsibility to make arrangements to be present on the day the teacher has chosen to make test corrections (extenuating circumstances for a student’s not being able to attend on the assigned day will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis)
- If the test corrections are correct answers with the correct explanation as to why the answer is the chosen one, the grade shall be changed in the grade book, and the upgraded grade will be recorded to reflect student mastery
- 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
- Checking Google Classroom is highly recommended for checking on missing assignments. 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 exceed 3% of the total grade 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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