

Grading Policy

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Homework assignments will generally be reviewed in class and kept in your notebook in a homework section. It will receive a check for completion at the beginning of the class period. Homework will be handed in to me periodically. Any assignment that you hand in to me to be corrected will have the following "grades":

- 4** is recorded as equivalent to 100%; even though you may not have every answer correct, what you have is very well done, neat, and is in the correct format.
- 3** is recorded as equivalent to 75%; you have more than a few wrong, and this is average work. Sometimes it may mean that you did not follow all the directions carefully, or the work is sloppy.
- 2** is recorded as equivalent to 50%; you may not have completed the assignment, directions were not followed, or what you've done is difficult to understand.
- 0** is just what it says; you did not do the assignment, or you did the wrong one.

Quizzes and tests will be graded according to total number of items on the test. For example, if there are 12 questions on the quiz and you get 11 correct, then your score is an 11/12. You can easily convert this to a more recognizable grade by **dividing** 11 by 12 to get .916, which is a 92%.

Your notebook will be graded at certain intervals during each quarter. **All work that you do, as well as worksheets that I give you, and notes that are taken in class, MUST be put into your notebook.** I expect that all notes from the entire year will be kept! Notebooks may be collected and checked, or a quiz on content may be given. In your notebook there will be a **record sheet** where it is your responsibility to record every assignment and grade for the quarter. It is your way to keep track of your grade and any missing assignments you may need to make up.

Extra credit is not given lightly; usually it is an assignment that goes along with whatever unit we are working on, and is above and beyond your regular assignments. **It is usually not easy.** When extra credit is assigned, you may choose not to do it, and that is OK. Extra credit will never take the place of missing work.

In order **to determine your grade** at any time, use your record sheet to total the number of points that you have earned and divide that by the total number of points that were available to be earned. Extra credit is figured in separately for each person. **You receive 3 points on your average** if you have no missing work, and those points will bring you up a grade level (example, B- to a B, or C+ to a B-). A failing grade will be brought up to a D-, no matter what.

You have one week to make up any work that has not been done on time. It must be done after school in my presence. This applies to tests or quizzes with low grades that you wish to improve-you will be given the higher of the two grades. Please see the student handbook regarding make-up work due to absences. That policy will be followed in this class.

You cannot fail this class if you hand in all your work,
no matter what the grades!