



Grading Practices

School: Ocean Lakes High School

Subject(s): Biology, Oceanography, Mg. Anatomy and Phys, Sports Injury

Grade Level: 10-12

Homework

- Homework assignments may, at times, differ by content and/or quantity for particular students or groups of students
- Homework serves one of the following purposes:
 - To practice material presented during classroom instruction
 - To prepare for new learning or classroom instruction
 - To promote extended and independent learning
- Only selected assignments will be graded
- Students who miss homework due to absence will have 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
- Homework is $\leq 10\%$ of the quarter grade

Late Work

- Late work may be turned in for reduced credit up until the completion of the summative assessment for that unit
- 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, their grade will be reduced by 10%
- 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

- An “M” or “Missing” will be put into the grade book meaning the assignment is missing or has not been turned in
- Assignments not completed by the summative assessment will receive a zero
- Efforts will be made to hold students accountable for completing missing work before assigning a zero
- These efforts may include but are not limited to:
 - Conference with the student
 - Parental notification
 - Academic appointment/detention
 - Conference with parent(s)
 - Referral for guidance support services, and/or
 - Student Response Team (SRT) meeting
- Teacher will use discretion for exceptions due to extenuating circumstances
- Students exhibiting a chronic pattern of behavior of missing work will be referred for support services

Reassessment

- Reassessments for summative assessments may be offered at the teacher's discretion provided the student has:
 - Participated in class
 - Completed assignments, and
 - Demonstrated evidence of best effort on the assessment and the learning leading up to the assessment
- The teacher may exercise informed professional judgment to determine when additional opportunities for reassessment are appropriate and/or necessary

- The student's demonstration of effort to attain mastery learning, which includes but is not limited to test corrections and being caught-up with classwork and homework, will be a major determinate in the reassessment decision
- The student must arrange with the teacher for a reassessment
- The reassessment may be during class time, an It's Academic block, or outside of school hours, as decided by the teacher
- End-of-semester exams cannot be retaken

Make-up Work

- When a student is missing work due to an excused absence, the teacher will: → provide all relevant assignments → consider the length and reason for the absence when determining which assignments will be assessed and when they are due → accept and assess all assigned make-up work → provide reasonable and flexible deadlines that take into consideration a student's individual circumstances
- 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 the teacher 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 in accordance with the late work policy
- Under extenuating circumstances, the due date for 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

- Periodic extra credit may be offered at the teacher's discretion as an opportunity to further learning in a particular content area

- Extra credit will not be given for non-related activities

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