



# HOMEWORK POLICY

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Homework is not graded in my class. I view homework as practice and therefore do not take an accuracy grade on any homework assignment. Unfortunately, there is also the issue of some students not doing their own work so I don't feel they should reap the benefits of someone else's efforts. Instead, I grade it on completion. I check that each student's daily assignment is complete at the beginning of class. If their assignment is complete, **1** point is earned. An incomplete receives a **0**. Incomplete includes assignments left at home or in lockers, anything that involves the assignment not being in class when it is due. Each student then checks his/her own work as we go over the assignment in a large group setting. This allows them to make corrections and ask questions as we go.

**Can the 0 points earned be raised?** Yes! Students have until Friday (or the last school day) of the following week to get that assignment completed and turned in to me to raise that 0 to a .5. In other words, they will earn half-credit for that work. If I do not get it within that time frame, the grade will stay a 0 for the rest of the quarter.

**What about absences and make-up work?** The handbook says the students get two days for every day they are absent to turn in work. That is not my policy. With so many students absent at different times, missing again on the due date, etc. it gets too confusing for them and me. Especially me! My policy is actually more generous and easier to remember. Like the due date for incomplete work, make-up work is due on Friday (or that last school day) of the following week from the day he/she returns from the absence. Because it is make-up work, not late work, this is obviously for full credit. This way **Friday** is always the day late or make-up work is due. Friday is always the day. I will take it anytime before that but it is due on the Friday.

**How do I know when work is missing?** Two words.....**Infinite Campus!** I'm usually pretty good having IC updated with assignments and when they are due. Checking IC a couple of times per week will keep you updated as to what assignments may be missing or have been deemed late. I will also periodically send emails through IC informing you of missing work.

**What happens to all of those 1's, .5's, and 0's at the end of the grading period?** I total up all the points your child earned and count it as a test grade (20 point quiz grade in the Algebra class). For example, in the first quarter there are 35 assignments. If your child had 2 late assignments (each then a .5 instead of a 1) and one never turned in (0 instead of a 1), they would have earned 33 out of 35 points. I will record this score of 33 out of 35 as a test grade in my grade book. In other words, your child earned a 94.3% on a test. This will be the easiest test grade they will earn the entire quarter, and all they have to do is keep up with the daily work.



I hope this isn't totally confusing. Please call with any questions.  
Thank you for your interest and support.

