

Grading Policy

Your grade in this class will be determined as described below. Please read this very carefully.

1. 80% – Exams/Quizzes

Each exam is worth 100 points and is cumulative. Exam dates are announced well in advance and exams are given about once every two to three weeks on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Quizzes may be announced or unannounced and are usually worth from 10 to 25 points each.

2. 20% – Homework

Each homework assignment is worth 100 points. Homework will be collected every day and will be graded using one of the following methods:

- a. strictly for accuracy; or
- b. based on effort as indicated below:

Mark	Criteria	Numerical Equivalent
0	Only a few problems attempted, no effort shown, or answers with no work shown.	20
✓–	Some effort shown, but only a few problems show significant effort.	60
✓	Good effort shown, but some problems show little effort.	80
✓+	Every problem attempted and significant work shown in every problem.	100

3. Class Participation/Attendance/Punctuality

Students are expected to participate in class discussions and to respond loudly and clearly. Students are also expected to go to the blackboard and explain their work. Unsatisfactory class participation will *lower your grade*. Excellent participation can *raise your grade*.

You are expected to arrive to class on time. When the bell has rung, you should already be in your seat and beginning the work on the blackboard. If you arrive after the bell has rung, you must sign the late book. Excessive lateness disrupts the class, detracts from your class participation, and thus will *lower your grade*.

Be sure to follow school policies regarding absences. If you are absent, you must present a legitimate note excusing your absence. All unexcused absences (cuts) detract from your class participation and will *lower your grade*.

Please DO NOT cut off the bottom of this sheet. Return the *entire sheet* signed by you and your parent. You have been given an extra copy of this document for you to keep in your notebook.

Signing below indicates that you have read and understood the grading policy described above and the teacher has answered any questions you may have.

Date: _____

Full Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____