

Class Policies and Expectations

1. Grading

- Marking period grades and final course grades will be calculated based on the following percentages:
85% Exams/Quizzes
15% Homework/Notebook/Participation

2. Exams/Quizzes

- Each exam is worth 100 points and is cumulative.
- Exam dates are announced well in advance (at least one week before the exam).
- Quizzes may be announced or unannounced and are usually worth from 20 to 50 points each.
- Makeup exams will be given only with a legitimate excuse and a signed note from a parent.

3. Homework/Notebook

- Homework assignments must be done on loose-leaf paper or on the worksheet provided.
- Students are expected to maintain an organized notebook that must be brought to each class and may be checked at any time without notice. You are expected to keep in your notebook the class notes, handouts, and assignments from at least the previous thirty days.
- When homework is reviewed in class, you are expected to correct any errors you may have made.
- Homework may be collected or checked at any time. *Late homework will not be accepted.*

4. Participation/Attendance/Punctuality

- Students are expected to participate in class discussions and to respond loudly and clearly.
- Excessive lateness disrupts the class, detracts from your class participation, and thus will *lower your grade*.
- Students who are chronically late to class may be assigned detention.
- If you are absent, you must present a completed Bronx Science Absence Note explaining your absence. All unexcused absences or cuts detract from your class participation and will *lower your grade*.
- If you are going on an official school trip or request to be excused from class for any reason, you must present the appropriate documentation (e. g., note from teacher, trip form) *before* the date of your absence in order to be excused. *Cuts will not be cleared if you fail to obtain my approval before missing class.*

5. Supplies

- Since there will be many handouts in this class, a three-ring binder is required. This may be used for other classes, as long as a separate section is dedicated to this class. Handouts will usually be hole-punched for your convenience.
- A Texas Instruments graphing calculator is required and must be brought to class every day. The TI-83 or TI-84 models are recommended; models such as the TI-89, which have symbolic manipulation abilities, are not recommended since they are not permitted on class exams or Regents exams.
- Pens, pencils, and a straightedge must be brought to class every day.

6. Extra Help

- I am available during the school day for extra help. Times and locations will be announced soon.
- Speak to me in person or email me if you would like to request help before or after school.
- Arista members may be available to tutor you. Watch for announcements during the school year.

7. Web Site/Contact Info

- Important announcements, exam dates, homework assignments, updates to this document, and more are available on my website at www.shahomework.com.
- Student grades and attendance data may be accessed online. The default password is the student's 9-digit OSIS number. Speak to me in person or email me if you would like to change your password. *Parents are encouraged to log in regularly to check their child's progress.*
- The best way to contact me is by email. You may either use the contact form on my website or send an email to me directly at shahom@shahomework.com.

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 classroom policies described above.

Date: _____

Student's Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Parent's Name (print): _____

Signature: _____