

Class Policies and Expectations

Course grades will be calculated as follows, in accordance with the math department grading policy:

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| 70% | Exams/Quizzes |
| 15% | Midyear Exam/Regents Exam/Final Exam |
| 10% | Homework/Notebook |
| 5% | Participation |

1. 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.

2. Homework/Notebook

- Homework assignments must be done on loose-leaf paper.
- Students are expected to maintain an organized notebook that must be brought to each class every day 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.*

3. 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* your absence in order to be excused. *Cuts will not be cleared if you fail to obtain my approval before missing class.*

4. Supplies

- 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 exams.
- Pens, pencils, and a straightedge must be brought to class every day.

5. Extra Help

- I am available during the school day for extra help. Times and locations will be announced soon.
- Arista members may be available to tutor you. Watch for announcements during the school year.

6. Web Site/Contact Info

- Important announcements, exam dates, homework assignments, and more are available on my website at shahomework.com.
- 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.

Dear Parents:

Student grades, homework, and attendance data may be securely accessed online through SnapGrades.net. Once SnapGrades is set up for this year, you will be emailed a link that you can use to login to view your child's grades. (Your child will have a separate login.) I may also email you periodically throughout the year to inform you of low grades or other issues relating to your child's progress in class. If you have concerns about your child's progress, feel free to email me at shahom@shahomework.com.

Please complete the table below and have your child return this *entire* sheet to me as soon as possible. An electronic version of this document is available on shahomework.com for your reference.

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| Student Email Address: | |
| Student Phone Number: | |
| Student Signature: | |

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| Email Address: | | |
| Phone Number: | | |
| Signature: | | |

*Your signature indicates that you have read and understood
the class policies and expectations described above.*