

How to Get an A!

GRADES REFLECTING A STUDENT'S KNOWLEDGE

Grades should reflect a student's true knowledge of the material taught. Having grades which reflect a student's true understanding help to prepare students for college and careers. Students should be able to use the grade as tool to self-assess their own learning and motivation to improve in the needed areas. Grades are broken down into the areas of classwork, homework, and assessments. Students will be reviewing their grades weekly in Compass. Grades marked with the letter M are missing assignments. Students have two weeks from the assigned date to complete missing assignments.

CLASSWORK

Students will receive 35% of their grade from what we do in class. This includes completing classroom assignments and notes, participating, and following teacher directions. The best way ensure you receive the best possible grade for classwork is to stay on task and follow teacher directions. If something is unclear or confusing, asking for clarification from the teacher is vital. If you miss a day make sure to get any missing classwork and have it completed within two weeks of the assigned date.

HOMEWORK

Homework will comprise 30% of your grade. Homework is essential to developing a deeper understanding of mathematics. It allows you to practice skills learned in the classroom. In addition, homework is vital to being prepared for college or a career. The best way to be successful at homework is to make sure you are attempting all of the problems and utilizing resources to help you further understand concepts, if needed. Several websites such as Khan Academy and YouTube have great information. Complete the homework assignments by the due date, which is generally the next day of class. If you need extended time on a given homework assignment, you have two weeks from the assigned date. Make sure to have all assigned homework turned in no later than two weeks.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment data is essential to ensuring student success. The data allows me to develop lessons which target skills and knowledge students need in order to be successful. Assessments are a student's chance to demonstrate knowledge of a given concept. Assessments count as 35% of your grade. Performance on assessment are often times the difference between an A or B in the class. To ensure you are performing the best you possibly can on the assessment always give your best effort. If for some reason you do not perform well on an assessment you should retake the assessment within two weeks to improve your score. You can retake an assessments as many times as needed to improve your score.

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CLASSWORK

- Complete all classroom tasks
- Follow directions the first time
- Ask questions in class and participate fully in the lessons
- Complete any classroom assignments missed within two weeks of the assigned date

HOMEWORK

- Attempt all assigned homework exercises
- Use resources such as Khan Academy, YouTube, or family and friends to help deepen your understanding of challenging concepts
- Complete assignments the day assigned
- Make sure any missing assignments, marked with an M in Compass, are turned in within two weeks of the assigned date.

ASSESSMENT

- Give your best effort on assessments
- Retake any assessment which you receive a C or less on
- Use afternoon advisory to get additional help to understand concepts if needed
- Attempt retakes within two weeks of the original assessment