

Grading Policy for Advanced Algebra & Geometry

Homework & Notebook Checks

- 5 for $\geq 90\%$
4 for $< 90\%$ but $\geq 75\%$
3 for $< 75\%$ but $\geq 60\%$
2 for $< 60\%$ but $\geq 50\%$
1 for $< 50\%$ but at least 1 problem handed in
I will give 3 passes in the Fall & Spring to raise to a 1 to a 3 if the assignment has the pass attached to a completed assignment at the time of the notebook check following the missing assignment's due date
0 Nothing turned in or an absent homework not completed
A For an assignment that was assigned 2 or more days before an absence, the assignment must be turned in upon return for credit
For an assignment that was assigned with a short-term turn around (during absence or day before absence) the student must see me the day of his/her return and make a contract for submission (this will not exceed the amount of time that other students were given for the assignment). Also note that the student may be asked to do different work since I can't put off review of an assignment and review would give the absent student answers the others did not have!

Notebook Checks

Notebooks will be checked on the day of each exam. The same scale used for the homework will be used for the notebook checks. Two things will be considered for the grades:

- Daily Notes clearly labeled with **day & date** at the top of starting page
Notes will include:
 - classwork problems
 - notes on "how tos"
 - notes about important reminders
 - *anything that was not handed in for homework*
- Homework From Current Chapter organized in chronological order
- Past Test w/ Corrections stapled to the front of the test

I am finding that not all students are comfortable with loose-leaf paper for notes and homework. It is really important that homework be torn out of spiral notebooks and handed in when requested. If a student is tearing out homework from a spiral notebook and does not desire to keep a 3 ring binder, then prior to the beginning of the next chapter's notes a page for each assignment in the section (including the test) should be left blank so that each homework (and the test) can be stapled to the blank page for easy record keeping. **It is my preference that a 3 ring binder is kept with sections for notes, homework and tests.**

Overall Trimester Grading

A weighed average of the scores for the following will be used:

Homework & Classwork 20%

Scores will be given 0-5 points and the average points based upon total possible will be used to compute this 20%.

Tests & Quizzes 60%

I usually give an extra credit problem on each test. These will have the potential of boosting a score of up to 110%, which then helps overall averages. When I give quizzes they will be graded as if they were a test. All quizzes for a chapter will be averaged, and if the average is higher than the chapter test score then the quiz average will be used as a test score. If the quiz average is lower than the test average then the test score will be used twice in grade computation. Quizzes are meant to help a student be more successful in their exam, not to be freaked out about a quiz. All scores are input as percentages.

Final 20%

A final will be given after Algebra I and Geometry are completed. If a trimester does not include a final or if intermediate grades are desired then homework & tests/quizzes will be used to compute the entire grade considering that it is only 80% of the grade. Scores will be input as percentages.

I do use Power School for grade computation. The district has provided the grading scale and I do not alter that scale. I will input the above specification for grading as Homework (Homework/Classwork), Quizzes (Tests/Quizzes) & Tests (Final) categories and Power School does the final computational work.