

Grading Practices

School: Old Donation School

Subject(s): Science

Grade Level: Middle School

Homework

Daily homework assignments are formative and will not count towards the student's cumulative grade.

Late Work

When an assignment is not completed by the date due, teachers shall exercise informed professional judgment to determine consequences and adjust deadlines if appropriate, taking into account the following:

- the nature and purpose of a particular assignment
- the timeliness of the assignment as it relates to the current instruction
- individual circumstances

Students will be given until the end of the following FOCUS period to complete the work.

Teachers shall strive to empower students to exercise developmentally appropriate responsibility through built-in processes, such as strategic planning for long-term assignments.

Explanation of Zeroes

In assessing student learning, all student work is to be carefully considered. Reasonable efforts should be made to hold students accountable for completing missed assessments before assigning a zero.

Teacher will use an "MI" for missing (which calculates as a zero), until the student produces the missing work and it has been evaluated and given a score OR until the quarter ends if they do not meet the late work or reassessment criteria. The teacher has the authority to assign student lunch detention or after-school detention to complete late work in order to avoid a zero.

Reassessment

Students who would like to demonstrate mastery may be given an opportunity for additional instruction to be able to do a reassessment on pulse checks and performance tasks provided that the student has completed all assignments including homework leading up to the task. The reassessment must be completed before the next topic is assessed.

Teachers shall exercise informed professional judgment to determine when additional opportunities for reassessment are appropriate and/or necessary in order to obtain evidence of student learning as it relates to curricular objectives.

Make-up Work

When a student is missing work due to an excused absence, teachers shall

- provide all relevant assignments
- consider the length and reason for the absence when determining which assignments will be assessed and when they are due
- accept and assess all assigned make-up work
- provide reasonable and flexible deadlines that take into consideration a student's individual circumstances

It is the student's responsibility to be aware of established guidelines and to follow those guidelines to make up the assignment.

Extra Credit

No extra credit opportunities will be available.

For additional information, please access the [VBCPS Grading Guidelines for Secondary Schools](http://vbschools.com) on vbschools.com.