



Grading Practices

School: Frank W. Cox High School

Subject(s): Psychology I & II

Grade Level: 10-12

Homework

Homework will account for 10% of the student's grade

Homework is defined as a task assigned to students intended to be completed outside the classroom, and which is an extension of regular classroom instruction. Homework shall be used as a tool to provide teachers with information on how well students understand the information being taught in relation to curricular objectives. At times, it is appropriate to differentiate homework assignments by content and / or quantity for particular students or groups of students. Homework should serve one of the following purposes:

- to practice material presented during classroom instruction
- to prepare for new learning or classroom instruction
- to promote extended and independent learning

When assigning a homework task, teachers shall:

- consider students' readiness for a particular task and purpose
- align the assignment to current curricular objectives
- communicate the purpose of a particular assignment

Consider the purpose of the task when determining whether and how the homework will be graded. Daily homework assignments shall not exceed 10% of a student's cumulative grade.

Late Work

Work is due at the beginning of the bell. If you are absent, work must be turned in at the beginning of the block on the day of your return.

Assignments are made on a long-range basis so that you have ample time to work on them. Late work will be assessed a 50% penalty, unless otherwise stated. Work not submitted on time will be designated as "Missing" in the gradebook until it is submitted and scored. A grade of zero will be assigned for work not completed by the dates established before the end of the quarter and when dictated by the Honor Code policy. Students who have prior approval to be absent (for example, field trips) and will miss a scheduled evaluation are expected to take the evaluation prior to their absence. This is the same test that the rest of the class takes.

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Reassessment

1. If you are absent, work must be turned in at the beginning of the block on the day of your return. Projects must be turned in if you are in the building (even if you are not in class) on the due date.
2. Students have one week to make up assessments missed due to absences. Make-up times will be posted in the classroom. Please sign up with the teacher in advance.
3. Students should get notes **immediately** upon their return to school and are responsible for information given during their absence.
4. Make up tests and quizzes are short answer and essay (no multiple choice).
5. Students who are absent before a test or quiz are still expected to take the test or quiz. They are, however, eligible to take an essay makeup and substitute the new grade.
6. Any student receiving a failing grade on a unit test may take an essay retest. Honor Code violation are an exception to this policy. A written request must be made within 3 days of receiving your graded test. The request must detail the reason for the request, the steps the student will take to improve their performance, and the time in which the retake will be taken. Students will be required to complete a review packet prior to the retest.
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Make-up Work

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Extra Credit

Extra Credit opportunities may be offered occasionally for experiences and work that extend beyond the walls of the classroom and relate directly to course content. Any opportunities will be announced and posted and will be available to all students.

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