

## Mr. Hamilton's Grading Policy ( CP Algebra 2 – Spring 2012 )

### Grade Periods

Each 4.5 weeks constitutes a grade period at Canfield High School. During each grade period, the following items determine each student's grade in this class:

**Tests:** Tests are typically worth 250 points each. Expect two tests per grade period.  
→ Prior to each test, students will receive an outline listing the concepts throughout the unit.

**Quizzes:** Typically 60 - 100 points each. Quizzes are almost always announced ahead of time.  
→ I reserve the right to have "pop-quizzes".

**Homework: (HW)** Expect this each night. Math is best understood by actively working on it. Students are **expected** to honestly attempt and complete each assignment, though assignments will be checked "randomly" for completion. (That is, some days I will check for completion and other days I won't.)

### Completion:

To be viewed **ACCEPTABLE:**

- Every problem must be written out and honestly attempted (answers only do not count)
- All steps for solutions are shown neatly
- Students must have it at the beginning of class the day it is due (cannot go to locker)

Each homework that is checked for completion will be worth 4 points. An acceptable HW gets 4 points, a HW with a few violations gets 2 points, and a virtually nonexistent HW gets 0 points.

**In-Class Assignments:** These can either be individual assignments or group collaborations. A typical classroom activity is worth 20 - 60 points, but it could be worth more. Students who have put time into homework, take organized notes, and are attentive in class should do well on these items.

**Bonus:** There will be opportunities for bonus points in this class. These points will typically be earned on in class problems, reviews, quizzes, tests, and other miscellaneous items.

**Miscellaneous:** Although nearly all points are earned in the ways described above, I reserve the right to include other types of items for grades.

### Progress Reports

I will **NOT** issue formal progress reports throughout an individual 4.5 weeks grading period. However, grades can be accessed online using the student's last name and student ID number. I find this more useful to both students and parents. I encourage parents to check these grades regularly to keep informed of how your child is doing in this class. If you ever have any concerns, please contact me! E-mail communication is preferred.

**Grading Scale** (I will not guarantee that anyone's grade will be rounded. You must meet the percentages stated.)

<b>A</b>	at or above 93%			( 93 % ≤ Grade )
<b>B</b>	at or above 83%	but	below 93%	( 83 % ≤ Grade < 93 % )
<b>C</b>	at or above 73%	but	below 83%	( 73 % ≤ Grade < 83 % )
<b>D</b>	at or above 63%	but	below 73%	( 63 % ≤ Grade < 73 % )
<b>F</b>			below 63%	( Grade < 63 % )

**Example of Calculating the 4.5 Weeks Grade**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>	<i>Points Possible</i>
Tests	450	500
Quizzes	87	100
In Class Assignments	105	120
Homework	36	40
Bonus	2	0
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Total	680	760

Points Earned / Points Possible \* 100 = Percentage  
 680 / 760 \* 100 = **89.5% B**

*\*\* It is highly unlikely that the possible points will be exactly the same in any grade period.*

**Midterm / Final Examination [EXAM GRADE]**

The exam grade will count as one-fifth of the final course grade. We will not have a midterm exam. Expect a two-day final exam. Further details will be provided during the fourth grading period.

**Course Grade**

The final grade a student receives in the course will be the average of five scores: each of the 4 grading periods and the exam grade.

**Example of Calculating the Course Grade**

Grade Period 1:	86.0 %	B
Grade Period 2:	83.0 %	B
Grade Period 3:	74.0 %	C
Grade Period 4:	91.0 %	B
Exam Grade:	89.9 %	B

Course Grade: (86.0 + 83.0 + 74.0 + 91.0 + 89.9) / 5 = **84.8 % B**

**Cheating**

See the CHS Rules in the Student-Parent Handbook. *You don't want me to catch you cheating, so don't do it!*

**Attendance / Makeups / Missing Assignments**

1. Check the web page frequently for any missing assignments (under "Grades")
2. Check online and talk to a friend before class to see exactly what you missed.
3. If you missed the day before a test or day of a test/quiz, you must take it the day you return.
4. Makeup tests/quizzes could be different than regular tests/quizzes to ensure the integrity of the course.
5. **It is the student's responsibility to get everything completed within allowed time!**