

Mr. Hamilton's and Mrs. Elia's Grading Policy
(Spring 2012 – Prealgebra)

Grade Periods

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

- Tests:** There will be one test each grade period, each worth approximately **250 - 300 Points!**
→ We will review for 2 days!
→ You will get a study guide with answers!
→ ***You get 2 days for each test!***
- Big Quizzes:** There will be three “big quizzes” each grade period. **50 - 75 Points each.**
You will get somewhere around half of a class, usually, for a big quiz.
- Mini Quizzes:** Simple problems over items **JUST COVERED.** **5 Points each.**
→ You will have several mini-quizzes each grade period.
→ A mini quiz must be done in class without notes.
→ Your 5 worst mini-quiz grades will be dropped!
- Problem of the Day:** A problem or two that will be given at the beginning of class! **5 - 10 Points each.**
→ Recaps what we learned the previous day.
→ **You may use any notes you have!!**
→ You will only have roughly 10 minutes at the beginning of class to complete these.
- In-Class Assignments:** These can either be individual or group based. **10 - 50 Points each.**
- Homework:** When assigned homework, which will be most every night, students must give it an honest effort. 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)
- ** Homework will not be graded. However, any student having ZERO or ONE unacceptable homework assignments will be permitted to drop their lowest “big quiz” grade for the term.**
- Bonus:** There will be opportunities for bonus points in this class. These points can typically be earned on in-class assignments, reviews, all types of quizzes, and exams.
- Other:** Although nearly all points are earned in the ways described above, we reserve the right to include other types of items for grades.

Progress Reports

We 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. We find this more useful to both students and parents. We 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 us (e-mail works best)!

Grading Scale

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

Example of Calculating the 4.5 Weeks Grade

<i>Item</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>	<i>Points Possible</i>
Test	241	300
Big Quizzes	145	175
Mini Quizzes	45	50
Problems of the Day	100	100
In Class Assignments	120	150
Bonus	4	0
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Total	655	775

Points Earned / Points Possible * 100 = Percentage

$$655 / 775 * 100 = \mathbf{84.5\% \ B}$$

*** 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. The final exam will occur over two days during the final week of the semester. More details as the final draws near.

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:	82.0 %	C
Grade Period 3:	74.0 %	C
Grade Period 4:	91.0 %	B
Exam Grade:	89.9 %	B
Course Grade:	$(86.0 + 83.0 + 74.0 + 91.0 + 89.9) / 5 = \mathbf{84.6\% \ B}$	

Cheating

See the CHS Rules in the Student-Parent Handbook. *Don't cheat!*

Attendance / Makeups / Missing Assignments

1. Check the web page frequently for any missing assignments (under "Grades")
2. Talk to a friend to see what you missed or check online in the schedule.
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 to preserve the integrity of the course.
5. **It is the student's responsibility to get everything completed within allowed time!**

If you have any questions – just ASK before or after class!