



Grading Practices

School: Princess Anne High School

Subject(s): Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Band

Grade Level: 9 - 12

Homework

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- Homework will be used for practice, to monitor student progress and to drive instruction.
- Homework will have a minimal impact (no more than 10%) on the overall grade.
- Homework will be purposeful and relevant.
- If a student does not turn in homework, it must be turned in the next class period and can incur no more than a 10%

penalty.

Homework (both written and playing) will be assigned so that the student will average 15 minutes of playing at home every day or 30

minutes every other day. On occasion, there may be more, but assigned home practice will never exceed 1 hour on any given two day period

(averaging 30 minutes a night in that period).

Homework

- Homework is a meaningful, short term assignment that is completed outside of classroom time.
- Teachers should communicate the relevance and purpose of the each assignment.
- Teachers should consider alternative ways to assess homework and to monitor student progress.
- Best practice promotes the differentiation of homework assignments, as needed.

Late Work

Each teacher's late work policy should clearly establish any potential academic penalty for late work in their class

expectations/syllabus.

An academic penalty for late work is strongly discouraged as it does not represent the student's level of mastery. If an

academic penalty is used, it should not significantly distort a student's grade.

An afterschool Academic Development time should be assigned by the teacher and held on Monday and Wednesday

from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Teachers should assign students to Academic Development if they are missing 3 or more assignments or one

major assignment.

If the student completes and submits the work prior to assigned session, the student is not required to

attend.

If the student does not attend after 2 attempts, a referral for insubordination and defiance should be written.

Students attending Academic Development are required to stay the entire time from 2:30-3:30 p.m. with the

teacher. At 3:30 p.m., students will be dismissed with a pass to a holding area or to exit the school to walk or

ride/drive home.

Explanation of Zeroes

Zeros may exist in the gradebook if it represents a student's level of achievement (zero correct).

The student would be eligible for recovery options.

Zeros for incomplete or missing assignments disproportionately represent a student's level of mastery.

Assignments are important and valued and the consequence for not completing the work is completing the work. To

avoid assigning a zero, missing assignments should be treated as late work.

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The Synergy comment code of MI (for missing assignments) may be associated with a default score of zero, to be

replaced once the assignments have been completed during the current nine grading period.

Reassessment

Failure is a necessary component in the learning process.

Prior to reassessment for Academic Recovery there should be evidence of remediation, re-teaching or student work.

Students gain ownership for their own learning when provided feedback on how they can improve.

Feedback from teachers about specific deficiencies is required.

Make-up Work

All Make-up work must be turned into Mr. Boyd 1 week prior to the teacher due-date of grades for the current marking period (progress or report card) for 1/2 credit.

Extra Credit

All previously-negotiated extra-credit must be turned into Mr. Boyd 1 week prior to the teacher due-date of grades for the current marking period (progress or report card).

VBCPS Fine and Performing Arts Grading Percentile break-down

Performance/Production/Studio 60%

Music Theory/Literacy/Analysis/Critique/Evaluation 20%

Historical and Cultural Context 10%

Aesthetics 10%

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