

## HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is considered practice and does not get graded for accuracy. Assignments may involve web resources, the textbook or handouts. Practice is the only way to achieve success in chemistry and the assignments are intended to help you learn the material and to become competent at solving chemistry problems. To this end HW is just another tool to help one practice and apply what they have been doing in the classroom. The small portion of the course grade that is based on homework is evaluated on effort and completion of the work. In most cases, students have access to answer keys to check their work as they are doing it, as it is the doing of the work that is important. The answer keys for most assignments are posted on the course website. Assignments are generally "quick-checked" in class, and answers reviewed and discussed. Homework assignments are given an effort grade of 100% if the assignments are turned in on, or before the due date. Assignments turned in after the due date will receive an effort grade of 60%. Assignments not done by the test date will receive an effort grade of zero.

1. The grading scale for homework completion will be the same as the school grading scale of 0 to 100%. All assignments receive scores of 0-20 points, for example:  $20/20 = 100\%$ ,  $19/20 = 95\%$ ,  $18/20 = 90\%$  etc.
2. Assignments must be done on separate notebook paper with your full name, and the assignment at the top of the page, unless the teacher specifies otherwise, or a handout is provided.
3. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE... NO SPIRAL BOUND PAPER!!!
4. You are expected to complete assignments on time for full credit. Maximum credit for late work is 60%. Any work not completed prior to the unit test will receive a grade of zero.
5. Copying another student's homework is considered academic dishonesty. Copying ones work is pointless, as it does nothing to help you learn and master the concepts and/or problems.
6. Problem sets must show formulas used. Numerical answer's should be "boxed" and have a correct units of measure. Pay close attention to significant figures.
7. In order for homework to receive a superior grade "A+" (20/20) it must be of the highest quality. A+ work must meet the following criteria...
  - All parts of the assignment are complete.
  - Answers are written out in complete sentences, unless a question specifies: list the...
  - Shows neatness, legibility and attention to homework policy guidelines.
  - Demonstrates that good and honest effort was devoted to completing the work.
  - Demonstrates a desire to excel (always do your best).
8. The evaluation of homework for level of effort is very subjective and is often based on the opinion of the teacher. Home work that does not comply with the criteria listed above will receive a lower grade, but never less than 60% (12/20) if it meets the due date.

Consider the following... what effort grade should a student receive in each case?

Student does 2 out of 10 problems.

Student does 8 out of 10 problems.

Student does 5 out of 10 problems.

Student says they have their work done but it's in another notebook and has no work to show.

Student says that they have left their work at home.