

# Seventh Grade Grading Policy 2008-2009

Life Science- Mr. Andreacci, 7-3

The system used to give you a grade for Science class is as follows. All graded assignments have a value and will be averaged based on category weights, as required by the Old Bridge Township School District.

- 30% Tests and Test Equivalent Assignments
- 25% Quizzes and Class Performance
- 25% Lab Reports, Projects and Presentations
- 20% **Homework** assignments are worth 10 pts each, graded on an “effort” basis. A complete assignment handed in on time earns a  $\checkmark$  (10 of 10 points). Incomplete/One day late homework assignments are equal to 5 points.
  - $\checkmark+$  counts as 15 points out of 10 points possible (extra credit),
  - $\checkmark$  counts as 10 points out of 10 points possible (100%),
  - and a  $\checkmark-$  counts as 5 points out of 10 points possible (50%).(Do your homework assignments! They add up to many points.)

NOTES: Extra credit projects will add points to your marking period average. Points for extra credit projects will be announced at the time of the assignment. The district has not yet disclosed to teachers how the final grade will incorporate the mid-term and final exams.

## Homework

7-3 Students are **required** to maintain an agenda, homework notebook or planner to record his or her daily assignments. Students will receive a 100% grade for each homework assignment completed neatly, on time, and with reasonable effort. Incorrectly answered problems are generally not counted against a student on basic assignments. Homework is a chance for students to practice, and we try to learn from our mistakes. (If you stop making mistakes, you’ve stopped learning!) Students who consistently put forth a good effort will boost their overall averages.

Homework must be submitted at the beginning of the class period it is due to receive full credit. After that, students still **must** hand in missing assignments. If the assignment is handed in by the next school day after it is due, the late assignment will receive a grade of  $\checkmark-$ , which is worth 5 out of 10 points (50%) for late credit. Each additional day an assignment is late subtracts half credit.

Students who are absent may call the Homework Hotline telephone number and attempt to return to school prepared, but I realize that this is not always possible. Students may hand in assignments one day after he or she returns from an excused absence to make up the assignment without penalty.

It is up to **you**, the student, to keep track of missing assignments. I will explain missed assignments to absent students and provide printout lists of missing assignments every two weeks, but I will not make daily reminders. Please check your grade on the class website often.