

Mr Napoli's Classroom and Course overview

A List of assignments for both semesters and the course syllabi can be found for each class, at my website: www.ginonapoli.com/Photopages/assignmentlist.html . The Expected School-wide Learning Results (ESLR's) for each course correspond with the state standards, and is there detailed.

Grades are based on the 4 categories listed below. Points earned in each category become a category percentage by dividing the points earned by the total points possible **for each category**. These category percents are then multiplied by 0.2, 0.1, 0.05, and 0.65 to get the final grade (*see the formula below*).

20% for *Homework*,

10% for *Vocabulary*.

5% for *Pickups*

65% for *all Tests & Quizzes*.

FINAL GRADE = $0.20 * (\text{Hmwk}) + 0.10 * (\text{Vocab}) + 0.05 * (\text{Pickups}) + 0.65 * (\text{Tests \& Quizzes})$

Letter Grades **A = 100 – 88** **B = 87.5 - 76** **C = 75.5 – 64** **D = 63.5 – 52**

Assignment Sheets are provided for each unit. They indicate all homework assignments, the dates of tests, and the vocabulary words for the unit. The dates indicate what is to be done each evening, NOT a due date.

Homework assignments are indicated on the assignment sheets and consist of textbook assigned problems or other problems. Homework is worth 25 points when due, 10 points **if one day late ... unless** by prior consent of teacher. Students earn 2 free-bees per semester (*ie, I add 50 points at the end of each semester.*)

Pickups are anything that is done during classtime that I “pickup” to assess with a point value from 1 to 5. These are warmup activities on the projector during the first 5 minutes; **and/or** activities and problems that I give the students to do on their own sometime during class time. I grade based on both organization and accuracy.

Vocabulary lists are turned in at the end of the unit. **NO TYPED LISTS ARE PERMITTED**. You must write with your own hand the following for each word: **1) the word** , **2) the definition** in the student's own words, **3) A VISUAL EXAMPLE**. The lists are worth 25 points. **Points are subtracted for inaccuracy, sloppiness, incomplete work, inadequate definitions, and not having enough visual examples.**

[-Algebra / Integrated Only-] Binders will be collected and graded at least once every 6 weeks. I grade them like a 8, 10 or 12 point quiz. Students are expected to have **3-ring binders** separated into the following sections:

- 1) *Notes/Warmups/Classwork* — where the student keeps their *notes and warmups*, **organized by date**.
- 2) *Old Tests and Quizzes* – all returned tests & quizzes are kept in this section.
- 3) *Assignment Sheets and vocabulary lists*

KEEP ALL RETURNED TESTS, PICKUPS & VOCABULARY LISTS.

Students **will NOT be** graded for keeping their old homework in the binders. They are scored for neatness, organization, notes, and whether there are dates.

Tests and Quizzes occur during each unit of study. There is usually one quiz and one test per unit. Quizzes are worth about ½ as much as a test. **Expect timed 5 to 10 point pop quizzes to occur at anytime**. Absent students **are exempt** from any pop quizzes missed provided they have an excused absence.

Test & Quiz Corrections: after every Official Test & Quiz , students have one week to turn in “corrections”. These are written explanations of each incorrect problem. For each incorrect problem a student **writes** the following:

- 1) what the student did wrong, 2) what the student should have done, and 3) the correction.

Students who turn in “corrections” qualify for about 10% added to their test grades based on my assessment of the corrections. *There must be written explanations, just solving the problems is not enough. I need to read your explanation about what have you learned in order to decide how to grade the corrections. Staple the corrections to the original test or quiz.*

Grades will be posted on the wall on Friday every week or two, at least 9 or 10 times per semester. Each student will be assigned a number based upon the row in my gradebook. The grades will be posted by this number, and will contain both the final grade and each grade by category. Grades will also be posted on my website **under the School menu**. Here's the direct link: www.ginonapoli.com/Photopages/grades.pdf

Class materials / Calculators

All classes : a 3-ring binder, loose leaf paper, pencils, a ruler, an eraser, and **GRAPH PAPER**

Algebra/ Integrated : any scientific calculator that has Sin, Cos, and Tan buttons (Casio, Texas Instruments) .

Statistics / Trig Analysis: a TI-83, TI-84, or TI-86 is required. *The TI-89 is very expensive and fairly complicated to use.* **I suggest you DO NOT buy the TI-89.** Buy the TI-83 or TI-84 because they are easier to use.

Miscellaneous Class Policies

Absences : You have 2 days to make up any homework without penalty if you have an excused absence.

Tardiness : The student is considered Tardy if the student **is not in the classroom and is not seated** at the precise moment when the bell rings. Excessive tardiness will not be tolerated.

Warm-up Exercises : On most days the students will receive a handout or more often have some problem(s) on the board, overhead display, or television when they enter class. The students are expected to begin these "warm-ups" in earnest at most 1 minute after the tardy bell. **EXPECT POP QUIZZES.**

Review days ... At the end of each chapter there are 2 review days. On Review day one, students are expected to bring textbooks to work on review problems in class. I will review the entire chapter on Review day two.

Classroom expectations

1. No beverages except water or non-sugar based tea will be allowed.
2. Absolutely no gum, or you will clean my desks after school.
3. I-Pods, cell phones, headphones, and all other electronic devices not relevant to the class will be picked up and returned to the student by the end of the day by the administration.
4. No eating anything . Period. End of Story.
5. Any writing on desks and defacing school property will be reported. You will also clean my desks after school.
6. Persistent profanity and abusive manners will not be tolerated at all.
7. Be respectful to and mindful of others at all times.
8. Pick up after yourself, or you will clean the room after school.

Classroom Management Policy

1) A warning. 2) Detention with me. 3) Detention with administration AND a call home to parents.

COPYING HOMEWORK Don't be foolish. If I catch you, both you AND accomplice will have the last 3 assignments erased. A call home to parents is also quite possible.

My room is N206. I am in my room at lunch. I am in my room in the morning from 7 am until the first class, unless I go to the bathroom. I can stay after to school Monday through Friday until 3:30 or 4, depending on my schedule, otherwise I usually leave between 3:00 and 3:20. I am very flexible for any student who asks and needs help.

I EXPECT THIS SHEET TO BE SIGNED & KEPT BY THE STUDENT IN THEIR BINDERS.

Here are my current home & school email, telephone, and website. Contact me about anything.

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