

Tuloso-Midway Middle School
Grading Policy
2014-2015

Major Grades (65%):

Major grades are summative assessments to determine your child's relative mastery of concepts and skills at the end of the week, end of the unit/chapter, or end of the grading period. Major grades may include, but are not limited to: tests, projects, checkpoints, cumulative work, etc.

If a student fails to turn in a project when it is due, the teacher may provide the student with an additional opportunity to turn it in. Failure to turn in the project, after being given the additional opportunity, will result in a zero for that project.

Students who earn a failing grade may attend supplemental instruction over the skills missed on the initial assessment, and then qualify to re-test. All re-teaching and re-testing must be done prior to the date of the next major assessment. The grade of the initial assessment and the grade of the re-test will be included in the student's average for the six weeks.

Minor Grades (35%):

Minor grades are used to determine mastery after a skill or concept after it is introduced. Minor grades provide the student and the teacher with a measure of mastery and progress. Minor grades include, but are not limited to: homework, daily work, etc.

It is imperative that students turn-in their daily work on time, as specified by the teacher, to adequately measure progress and mastery with enough time to address deficiencies. If a student fails to turn in their work when it is due, the teacher may provide the student with an additional opportunity to complete the assignment. Failure to turn in the assignment, after being given an additional opportunity, will result in a zero for that assignment.

Please keep in mind that re-evaluation of your child's daily skills is ongoing and mastery may be reflected in subsequent assignments, not necessarily the same assignment.

Checkpoints and Benchmarks:

Re-teaching and re-testing of checkpoints and benchmarks will be re-addressed in subsequent grading periods, and/or intersessions and therefore students will not be allowed to re-assess in the same six-weeks.

Make-Up Work (Due to Absence):

Students are expected to make up assignments and tests after any absence. The teacher may assign the student make-up work based on the instructional objectives missed, not necessarily the same assignment/test. The student is responsible for obtaining the make-up work from their teachers(s) and for turning in the work as specified by the teacher(s). Failure to complete the missed assignments in the allotted timeframe may lead to zeros.

Students who miss a class for a previously scheduled school-related event such as a basketball game or band trip may be required to take a test or submit make-up work *prior* to the event or after the event, as required by the teacher.