

Terrell ISD Grading Guidelines 2009-2010

RETEACHING/REMEDICATION/REASSESSMENT: Grades 1-12

Student grades should reflect mastery of district curriculum objectives which have been related to essential knowledge and skills. Students who receive a failing grade on a major test, other assessment or daily work shall have an opportunity to receive remediation and be reassessed for mastery. In order for a student to be eligible for any reassessment which could result in a possible change of the recorded grade, the following events must occur:

1. Student completes and submits test, project, or daily assignment on time (by due date).
2. Student receives a failing grade of below 70.
3. A student must complete reasonable remediation activities determined by the teacher, which relate to the objectives that were assessed. (These activities might include attending tutorials, completing additional homework assignment/assignments not previously completed, or other appropriate remedial work.)
4. At a scheduled time reasonable for the student and convenient to the teacher (determined by the teacher; usually within 5 days), the student will be reassessed for mastery of content as determined by the teacher.

The reassessment should cover the same basic content at the same level of difficulty as the original assessment. If student scores 70 or above on the reassessment, a grade of 70 will substitute for the previously recorded failing grade. The original failing grade and the substituted grade should be shown in the teacher's grade book. If student scores below 70 on the reassessment, the higher of the two grades will be considered as the test/project grade in the teacher's grade book. Comprehensive semester or final exams are excluded from reassessment.

LATE WORK

Late work is an assignment not turned in by the established due date. Late work will be accepted during the current six week grading period according to campus developed guidelines. No late work will be accepted outside the current six weeks.

INCOMPLETE GRADES (I's)

At the discretion of the teacher, a student may have extra time to complete the course requirements, and an "I" may be posted on the grading sheet for the respective six weeks period. "I's" not cleared within the designated time limit will be converted to a failing grade by the teacher. Students receiving an "I" are ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities, to receive academic honors, or to be ranked appropriately until a passing grade is reflected by the teacher. Eligibility for UIL activities shall be determined by UIL rules and regulations.

Pass/Fail: Seniors who have completed graduation requirements may take courses on a pass/fail basis. Students must declare their intent in writing on the first day of class. These grades will not be included in the student's GPA.

MAKE-UP WORK DUE TO ABSENCES

Make-up assignments or tests shall be made available to students after any absence. Teachers shall inform their students of the time allotted and the assignments for completing make-up work after an absence. Make-up work shall be completed according to campus developed guidelines.

In the case of extended absences, arrangements for completion of work shall be made with the individual teacher. If make-up work is assigned and graded, full credit shall be given if it is turned in within the number of days permitted. When determining what work is to be assigned for make-up, teachers are encouraged to consider the purpose and the importance of work required of the student. If an assignment is given to a student for make-up purposes, it should be graded and should receive full value compared to work completed by students who were not absent. If a student has been absent for several days as a result of a serious illness and many assignments have been missed, teachers should consider which assignments are absolutely essential for the student's comprehension of concepts and should assign only that work. Teachers are encouraged to consider extenuating circumstances regarding work that is to be turned in following absences. Frequently, students will have more make-up work than usual.