

MATH HOMEWORK POLICIES

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Overall

- Your homework is a reflection of you as a person, a scholar and a future teacher.
- Your presentation and write up of your homework is an important way for you to communicate your understanding of course topics. This is a math focus course; it is expected that you will turn in only quality work.
- There is no policy for rewriting or resubmitting homework. Do your best work the first time!
- If you need help, ASK. There is no excuse for not “getting” homework and not asking for help. You may seek help during office hours and by email.
- Readability
 - Please write legibly. If you cannot do this, then type your homework.
 - Please do not turn in spiral bound paper with little “fringies” on it.

Explanations

- In general, you must explain all of your work. This class is for future teachers and one overall goal is that you will be able to explain how the mathematical topics covered in this class work. Even if a problem does not explicitly say “explain” it is assumed you will explain your solution path.
- If any adult reader reads your work and wonders “why?” about any detail, you need more explanation.
- **Show your work:** Some questions will require steps. In these cases, show all of your steps and work. Don’t exclude details you work out on scratch paper.

Assessment

- Each problem will be graded out of 10 points. 2 points for the right answer, 2 points for the right steps, and 6 points for the explanation (clearly showing ALL OF THE STEPS you took to solve the problem).

Working Together on Homework

- I encourage you to work with other people on the homework. I do have some advice and requirements though.
 - I encourage you to **try to do all of the homework by yourself** first, before working with others. There is no use listening to someone else explain how to solve the problem if you do not have an idea of how to approach it.
 - After you are done working with others, try to write up the solutions to the questions by yourself. This way, you will be sure to explain in a way that you will understand later.
 - **NO COPYING OTHER STUDENT’S HOMEWORK!** Please write up solutions on your own, without the assistance of someone else either telling you what to write or reading word for word what she/he did.