



## Grading Practices

School: Landstown High School, Governor's STEM and Technology Academy

Subject(s): SCIENCE—Biology

Grade Level: 9-12

### Homework

Homework, when assigned, serves to reinforce concepts learned in class; therefore, students will not receive zeros on incomplete homework.

### Late Work

All graded assignments (labs, activities, projects) may be accepted late, with a 10% deduction, up until they have been graded and returned. After that point, a maximum of half credit may be earned.

### Explanation of Zeroes

Students will be held accountable for completing all missed assessments and the use of a zero will be used temporarily as a placeholder. Based on individual circumstances, all students will have the opportunity to complete the assignment and have the zero removed by the end of the grading period.

### Reassessment

Any student who receives a failing grade on a summative (unit test, end of quarter test, major projects or papers) assessment may be given an opportunity for additional instruction and reassessment provided that the student has:

- participated in class;
- completed assignments;
- demonstrated evidence of best effort on the assessment and the learning leading up to the assessment.

In other instances, teachers shall exercise informed professional judgment to determine when additional opportunities for reassessment are appropriate and/or necessary in order to obtain evidence of student learning as it relates to curricular objectives. Reassessment is a productive part of the learning process when teachers:

- provide targeted instruction between assessments;
- incorporate student reflection of learning into the process;
- focus the reassessment on that which the student did not know;
- give credit for a student's most recent or most frequent evidence of learning.

### Make-up Work

When a student is missing work due to an excused absence, teachers shall:

- provide all relevant assignments consider the length and reason for the absence when determining which assignments will be assessed and when they are due;
- accept and assess all assigned make-up work;
- provide reasonable and flexible deadlines that take into consideration a student's individual circumstances.

In the event of a missed lab, an alternative activity may be provided.

### **Extra Credit**

For additional information, please access the [VBCPS Grading Guidelines for Secondary Schools](#) on vbschools.com.