

Hereford High School 2022-23 Grading Policies

(Student and community resource)

Gradebooks

All gradebooks will have three main categories: major, minor, and practice, unless otherwise specified. Summative assessments will fall under major assignments. Assignments given with the intention of building and practicing specific standards through purposeful feedback will fall under the minor or practice category. Although assignments under the practice category do not impact the overall grade, completion of these assignments is expected in order to develop skills, master content, and receive teacher feedback.

Grading Scale: Grades will be based on a body of evidence, using the following weighted categories:

- Major 30% and Minor 70% or
- Major 40% and Minor 60%

(AP Courses may determine their own grade categories and weights)

Schoology Grade Codes

E - (Excused) - indicates an assignment which does not need to be completed by the student. This code does not impact a student's grade.

I - (Incomplete) - indicates an incomplete assignment and acts as a temporary place holder. These assignments must be completed within the time frame determined by the teacher.

LS - (Lowest Score = 50%) - this score will be used when a student attempts an assignment and earns below 50% of the total points possible. An attempted assignment must show a reasonable effort on the part of the student, as determined by the teacher. Teachers will include Schoology comments for explanation.

M - (Missing Work = 0%) - indicates that a student did not submit the assignment. All missing work must be submitted by the date specified by the teacher.

0 - indicates that a student did not submit an assignment.

Homework Policy

There are two categories of homework. It is expected that ALL homework be completed.

1. **Homework completed for practice or preparation for instruction**- homework that is assigned for practice, skill development or to prepare for instruction. It does not impact the overall grade. *Students who fail to complete homework assignments miss their opportunity to practice and receive critical feedback.*
2. **Homework completed to evaluate learning** – homework that is assigned to collect evidence of skill or understanding after instruction; may be included in the overall grade.

Work Completion

Due Dates/Late Work: The expectation is that all work be submitted by the due date and time established by the teacher. Submission of late work which is not related to an excused absence must be approved by the teacher. *All late work must be submitted within six school days of the original due date or earlier as determined by the teacher.* It is the responsibility of absent students to communicate with the teacher to determine make-up work procedures. In accordance with rule 5120, teachers are not required to provide make-up work to students with unexcused absences.

Redo Policy:

What is a redo? A redo gives the student an opportunity to demonstrate mastery of a standard through an assignment. It is a chance for students to investigate their original work, make decisions about how to improve, and showcase improvement of relearned content. In support of mastery of learning, the higher grade will be the reported grade.

Teachers will determine which assignments may be redone. Assignments eligible for a redo will be communicated by the teacher in Schoology using updates or messages. BCPS summative assessments cannot be redone.

In order to be eligible to redo an assignment, students must

- Complete the original assignment *on time*.
- Complete the learning plan (redo form) by the teacher's specified date.
- Complete the redo assignment within six school days of the posted grade or earlier as determined by the teacher.

Academic Dishonesty/Plagiarism Policy: Plagiarism is defined as taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own. Examples of plagiarism and academic dishonesty include

- Copying another student's work and submitting it as your own
- Copying and pasting directly from the internet (including but not limited to PhotoMath, translation tools, copying from text, using a single assignment in multiple classes)
- Omission of citations
- Using prohibited technology during an assessment
- Sharing information about assessments

First Occurrence: The student will receive a 0 for the assignment and parent/guardian will be contacted. Following a conference with the teacher, the student may be able to redo the assignment to earn an LS.

Second Occurrence: Student will receive a 0 for the assignment, be ineligible for a redo, and be referred to the administration for disciplinary action.