

## Mr. Stephenson's Homework Policy and Grading (v. 9/18, 08:33)

Students should complete homework the day it is assigned in their notebooks clearly identified with lesson number, problem number, textbook page number, and date assigned. After finding solutions to all assigned problems, students should check their answers to the odd numbered problems in the back of their textbook.

Mr. Stephenson assigns mostly odd numbered problems so students can get immediate feedback on whether they are doing the problems correctly. If an answer is wrong the student should figure out where they made their mistake(s). If they can't, they should ask questions in class the next day and correct their homework.

The next day (2<sup>nd</sup> class day after assignment given), or later, the homework can be checked by asking student to copy a randomly selected problem solution from their notebook to a piece of paper and submitting it (textbooks must be closed during check). The check usually occurs at the beginning of class (5 minutes after the bell) and ends after a short time period (only enough to copy, not to do).

When grading homework Mr. Stephenson tries to answer the question, "How well did the student follow the above procedure?" and uses the rubric below to assign a numeric grade.

H4 = 100%	Student restates the question asked and answers it using the method specified*, with a solution that is clear, correctly formed, complete, convincing, and leads to the correct answer, which the student states. Student checks the answer either by comparing to the one in the back of text, substituting back into the original question, or by some reasonableness test that they fully explain. (This is math literacy.)
H3 = 88.33%	<u>One</u> element of H4 is not present. If it's that the answer is wrong, student shows their attempts to find their mistakes.
H2 = 76.67%	Same as for H3, but student did not attempt to find their error, or more than one element of H4 is not present.
H1 = 65%	Minimal work but has some direction toward a correct solution.
H0 = 50%	Minimal work in wrong direction, or made grievous math error (e.g., $(x + a)^2 = x^2 + a^2$ , or $(x^2 + a^2)^{(1/2)} = x + a$ ).
NonP = 0%	Student did not submit a solution, or it is completely wrong (NonP stands for Non-Participatory).
{AZ, AC, or AT} = 0%	Absent Truant, Absent Cut, or Absent Tardy (came to class >10 minutes after bell).
M = 0%	Assignment is Missing for reason that allows makeup. Within Student Handbook time frame, student can submit (a (photo)copy of) the entire homework assignment for makeup credit.

\* If student uses a method other than the one specified in the question grades will be one level lower.