



## Grading Practices

School: Tallwood High School

Subject(s): AP English Language & Composition

Grade Level: 11

### Homework

Homework will not exceed 10% of the total nine weeks grade. It is content-driven, and is preparatory or practice in nature. Some homework assignments will not be accepted as late work because of the immediacy of the assignment.

### Late Work

Timely completion of all assignments is required. Academic detentions will be used as necessary to ensure assignment completion. Failure to turn in work on time will result in a deduction of no more than 10% per class period. Assignments will be accepted no more than three class periods late.

### Explanation of Zeroes

A zero (0) in the gradebook indicates that an assignment has been graded and has either earned 0 points, or has not been turned in. For assignments not turned in, the late work policy will apply. An X in the gradebook means the student is exempt from that assignment. A Z in the gradebook means the assignment was not turned in and is not currently calculated in the total average; however, if the assignment is not turned in, a zero will be given. Empty spaces in the gradebook indicate that the assignment has not been graded, but soon will be. Any student with a “D” or “E” average will have their parent/guardian contacted by the teacher.

### Reassessment

Students have the option of retaking assessments such as final drafts of papers and some projects, but only after completing a remediation assignment. The student will earn at least an average of the two scores. A student who wants to reattempt a performance based assessment may use teacher feedback to improve the assignment (remove plagiarism, add content, etc.) and resubmit it for a replacement grade.

### Make-up Work

Students are expected to make arrangements for make up work immediately upon their return to school. Major assignments that were due when the student was absent should be submitted upon return to school.

For work missed during an absence, the teacher will provide assignments and deadlines. Generally, students have two class periods per day of absence to complete makeup work. Assignments and assessments not completed by the determined deadline will be subject to the late work policy. All makeup work must be completed one week prior to the end of the nine weeks.

### **Extra Credit**

Extra credit shall be used sparingly. It will be related to the current topic of study, accessible to all students, and require the use of only those resources known to be available to all students. Teachers will clearly explain how an extra credit assignment is aligned to curriculum. Extra credit will not be used for non-learning activities.

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