



Grading Practices

School: Tallwood High School

Subject(s): Public Speaking

Grade Level: 9-12

Homework

- Homework is expected to be completed on time. It is considered important and is expected to be done every time, by the deadlines given.
- It is a crucial part of the learning process and directly tied to the classroom instruction. The objective of homework is to ensure comprehension of the material covered in class. It also provides the opportunity to practice.
- Therefore, no makeup will be allowed except under extenuating circumstances or pre-arrangement with the instructor.

Late Work

If an assignment is not submitted due to an absence (and electronic submission is not available) then the student will receive an incomplete grade. The student is expected to submit the assignment at the very next class period. In the case of extenuating circumstances or pre-arrangement with the instructor, an alternative will be provided. For those assignments turned in after the one-class grace period, the highest grade attainable will be the lowest C possible.

Reasons for an absence on the day of your speech must be very serious, and you **must** let me know in advance. Otherwise, **two letter grades** will be deducted from your speech grade.

- Speeches will not be accepted more than one class late and the highest grade you can receive at that point is a score of 80 out of 100 or its equivalent.
- If I am absent on during a speech round, you are to deliver your speeches for the substitute to videotape so I can grade them.
- You must deliver your speech on the day assigned, even if the room is not functioning properly: (i.e.) the computer, the overhead projector, the TV/, and/or any other equipment to be used for your visual aids is not working. Be prepared for everything, just in case.

If you miss the scheduled exam without prior approval from the instructor, you will receive a zero unless you have an **excused** absence. The zero grade will be averaged with your make-up test grade.

Explanation of Zeroes

- A 0 in the gradebook that indicates that the assignment has been graded, but was either not turned in or earned zero credit. A X in the gradebook, the student is exempt from that assignment. A Z in the gradebook means the assignment was not turned in and currently not 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

It is the student’s responsibility to make arrangement with the instructor for any and all makeup work and assessment. The student’s grade is solely and completely the responsibility of the student.

Make-up Work

- If you are absent from class, YOU are responsible for any work missed or assignments due. Because much of theater/film is experiential, it is difficult to do make-up work. (for example, it is impossible to “re-create” a class group acting activity for one person)
- A part of learning film/theater is learning to meet deadlines. Therefore, deadlines are absolute. If that deadline is missed, there may NOT be an opportunity given to complete the assignment. It is the instructor’s intention to work with each student, however it is the STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY to communicate with the instructor and arrange for alternative or extended arrangements PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE. If an alternative is not offered/given, the missed assignment will receive a grade of 50. The instructor reserves the right to assign a grade of 0 for missed work, if it is warranted by the circumstances, at the instructor’s sole discretion.
- Academic detentions will be used as necessary to insure assignment completion.

Extra Credit

Very little extra credit is given. Emphasis should be on completion of the curricular requirements, projects, and assignments. If any is to be earned, it must be arranged with the instructor prior to completion. Extra credit will be student initiated and done on an individual basis, at the instructor’s discretion.

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