

# **PLEASE REMEMBER GRADES ARE IMPORTANT BUT YOUR LEARNING IS PRICELESS** 🎉

Student's grades are calculated by Aspen using both **category** percentages and **assignment weights**.

## **GRADING POLICY**

Students will have many opportunities to demonstrate their learning. Their grades will be determined based on the following evaluation category and weight criteria:

**Homework (10%):** Mathematics requires practice therefore students will have homework three to four times a week. Homework will be meaningful practice and will be evaluated for accuracy. When done correctly, homework can provide insights into how students perform when they are working independently.

If students find they are having difficulty with homework, asking clarifying questions, using materials from class, and coming for extra help during WIN and Tuesday after school sessions are recommended actions. Homework is expected to be completed by the given due date because of its value to daily lessons.

**Formative Assignments (30%):** Includes daily in-class activities when students are first learning a new skill and are highly dependent on guidance from me in order to work towards mastery. These can be graded on accuracy, participation and improvement.

**Summative Assignments (60%):** Includes quizzes, tests, and projects. These are graded based on their accuracy and have different weights, which will be specified at the time of the assignment. If a student scores below 70%, they can redo or retake the assessment within two weeks provided they meet the criteria outlined below.

1. **Quizzes** - Most quizzes allow students to utilize their notes, problem exemplars, and prior classwork to guide them through quizzes. Here, students can benefit from strong classroom participation because they are able to utilize the tools that have been provided to them thus far. Quizzes are semi-independent and are **usually weighted as 1**.
2. **Tests/Projects** – Tests and projects are given after multiple attempts to master content have been provided. Students may be given a graphic organizer to assist them during tests, but no other resources can be used. Tests require students to work completely independently and are **usually weighted as 2**.

## **Retake/Makeup Policy**

Learning is a process, and it is important for students to use feedback from their teachers to improve their mastery. Students may retake/resubmit any summative assignments where they have earned a 70% or less once. The average of the two scores will be given. ***In order to be eligible for a retake, students must complete corrective actions prior to the retake, and have no missing assignments (including homework).*** The student and teacher will mutually develop a plan for the retake/resubmission.