

Dear Parents and families,

We had our end of the term exam on Monday, April 11th and many students did very poorly. Although, I am always more worried about analytical thinking and writing skills, rather than memorization skills, and although some of my students also struggle, because of English as a second language needs (and other learning needs), for too many of the students the reason why they failed and failed so poorly is EFFORT! Simply put, this year has been a struggle as many students continue to not do their classwork, fail open notebook Do Now quizzes (based on homework assignments) and fail or get poor notebook grades.

I decided that I will not scale these exams, instead I will give a second chance exam on **Tuesday, April 26th** after vacation and after school from **2:15PM to 3:00PM at the gym** (I coach volleyball), but only if the students do the following **(THIS WILL COUNT FOR TERM 3)**.

1. **Have this document printed and signed by their parents.** It must be returned on **Thursday (4/14).** The grade for the exam is on Aspen **(STUDENTS WHO GOT A C- or above do not need to do steps 1 and 2).**
2. The student must **write a brief letter to the parents and myself, explaining why they did poorly in the exam.** This must be turned in with the printed and signed letter on **Thursday (4/14).**
3. We will have DO NOW quizzes on Wednesday (4/13), Thursday (4/14) and Friday (4/15). The student must take and pass each of these quizzes with a grade of **C- or better.**
4. Students will need to get a **A-** or above in the last notebook check. For students who failed to get an A-, they will need to make up class and homework and come for a new notebook check on **Monday after vacation in my room from 1:50PM to 2PM. If the students get below an A-, they will not be allowed to retake the exam.**
5. Students will be given the exam again on Friday before vacation and they will be given the exam to do it over at home over vacation. **It is due on Monday after vacation in my classroom at 7:20AM. Students must get a 82 (B-)%** or above to be allowed to retake the exam (this exam will not count towards their grade, but I am using it to make students study).
6. If the students meet all of the above expectations, then they will be able to retake a similar exam on **Tuesday (4/26) after vacation from 2:15PM to 3:00 PM** at the gym. **Any student who does not complete of the requirements, will not be allowed to retake the exam.**

Sincerely,

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P.S. I know a teacher who does a similar thing, but only about 15% of her students take advantage of this.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____

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