

# MRS. RITCHEY'S CLASSROOM POLICIES

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## Homework

Did you ever hear the phrase, "Practice makes perfect"? Well, it may not make *perfect*, but practice is necessary to master any skill. Homework is meant to strengthen the given subject as well as reinforce life skills such as responsibility, time management, and self-discipline.

Assignments will be posted at the end of each lesson, and it will be the student's responsibility to copy them down and request clarification if needed. Homework should be completed on time and to the best of the student's ability. This includes providing proof of attempting even difficult problems.

Homework assignments will receive a participation grade based on incomplete, half, or full credit worth zero to two points respectively. In addition to participation credit, homework is subject to spot checking and periodic grading, which will carry more weight. Students should do their best and treat each assignment as though it were being graded.

## Test Taking

Quizzes and tests will be announced in advance and study material will be provided when available. I will also communicate chapter tests via Remind. Students are strongly encouraged to prepare a notecard and study in groups and seek additional help prior to the test.

Honesty and integrity are core principles that I stress in my classroom. As middle school students, we will not be using test walls in this classroom. I do not anticipate any issues, however, should a student be caught cheating, he or she will forfeit their test and receive half credit for the portion of the test they have completed.

## Retesting

We all learn at our own pace, and sometimes we are still a little bit shaky on a concept by test time. It is important to promote continued effort and learning beyond an assigned assessment date. Because of this, if a student performs poorly on a test or quiz, he or she may retest once they feel more confident with the concept. Students may do so by completing a "Request to Retest" form and providing proof of at least three enrichment activities they have completed. Retests will be given at Mrs. Ritchey's discretion during study hall periods. The opportunity to retest is a privilege, not a right, and should not be used as an excuse to not study.

## Missed work and Make-up Tests

It will be the student's responsibility to find out what they have missed, complete the work, and ask for help when needed. We will follow the MMCS make-up test policy as stated in the handbook. However, it is my suggestion to make up work as soon as possible to avoid getting behind on new content.

## Grading

Grades will be weighted as follows.

Math: Chapter Tests 50% | Quizzes 35% | Homework 15%

Bible: Chapter Tests 50% | Memory Verses 50%

Art: (We'll discuss this during our first art class)