

McCullough Junior High School Grade Policy

Effective August 2019

Three Categories of Grades

Major – Teams classify assessments that are considered major grades. Examples could be Tests, Projects, Concerts, Essays, Timed Writing, Performances, Presentations, Labs, or other long-term assignments that are considered a significant value of the total grade for the course.

Quiz – Teams classify assessments that are considered formative check points. Examples could be labs, sketchbooks, presentations, rough drafts, or quizzes.

Daily – Teams classify assignments that are considered daily work. Examples could be homework, classwork, or anything else that does not fit into Major or Quiz categories.

	Percent Value	Minimum Number of Assignments
Major	60%	At least 3 Major grades each 9 week MP, 2 in 1st 6 weeks of MP1
Quiz	20%	At least 5 Quiz grades each 9 week MP, 3 in 1st 6 weeks of MP1
Daily	20%	At least 5 Daily Grades per MP, 3 in 1st 6 weeks of MP1

Retest Policy

- Due to the nature of some assignments and lab practicals, teachers can limit what items can be offered for retakes.
- It is expected that test retakes will occur before the school day begins.
- The re-assessment may be administered at any time during the nine weeks. If an assessment should fall on the last day of the marking period, the student will have a maximum of five school days to re-take this assessment in order to satisfy UIL eligibility.
- If a student is caught cheating on a test, they will receive a 0 and a re-assessment for that test is not permitted.
- There are no retakes on semester exams.
- Tutorials may be required when the individual test grade falls below a 75 and the student wishes to retest.
- The maximum grade a student can earn on a retest is a 75.
- A minimum of one re-assessment per nine weeks will be offered. It is up to departmental team discretion to offer more than one re-assessment during a nine-week marking period.

Late Policy

Major – Major long-term assignments/projects will be accepted late for a 10% penalty per school day for a maximum of five school days following the day the assignment/project was due. After five school days a late project will not be accepted. Examples of this include but are not limited to the Science Fair and Veterans' Day projects.

Quiz – Homework assigned that will be taken as a quiz grade will be accepted late for a 10% penalty per school day for a maximum of five school days following the day the assignment/project was due. After five school days a quiz will not be accepted. If a student is ill and out on the day the assignment/project is due, he/she will receive one day for each day they were out and the 10% potential penalty will initiate each day after those absence days have expired. For clarity, school days are defined as every day school occurs regardless or not of whether the class meets on a given day.

Daily – Daily work that is assigned as homework will not be accepted late for full credit. Daily work that is assigned as homework will be accepted late for a *maximum* grade of 50% by the next time the class meets. After this daily work will not be accepted for a grade. If a student is ill and out on the day the assignment/project is due, he/she will receive one day for each day they were out and the 10% potential penalty will initiate each day after those absence days have expired. For clarity, school days are defined as every day school occurs regardless or not of whether the class meets on a given day.