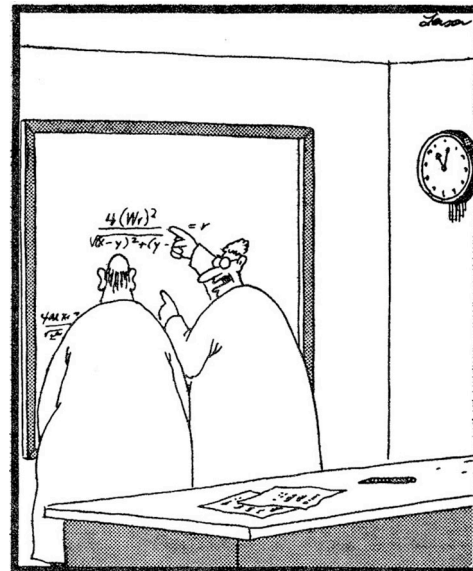


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GEOMETRY GRADING POLICY

Welcome to Geometry! Geometry is the second course in the regular college prep program at Analy High School. The University of California system (like UC Berkeley or UC Santa Cruz) and the State University system (like Sonoma State) require 3-4 years of college prep math -- Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and Trigonometry. Geometry is also an excellent preparation for JC studies and for professions that use math (and most of them do). In addition to learning a wide spectrum of geometric concepts, you will learn to think logically and to formulate valid arguments in this class. The ability to offer a valid argument for your position is a skill that will come in handy throughout your life, so get ready to work hard and to achieve success.



"Yes, yes, I know that, Sidney ... everybody knows that! ... But look: Four wrongs squared, minus two wrongs to the fourth power, divided by this formula, do make a right."

HOMEWORK: In a math class, one cannot master the material without enough practice. Therefore, homework will be a very important part of the course and of your grade

1. Each assignment is worth **4 POINTS**. There is no reason you should not get most of the homework points if you do all of your homework and make a reasonable effort. The problems do not all have to be correct, but they should not be all wrong. To receive the full four points, you **must follow the format** for homework described on the assignment sheet, **attempt all** assigned problems, and show **all work** including the **original problem**.
2. Since we do not meet daily, you will get two assignments on the same day. It will be hard to get both of them done the night before, so I suggest you make yourself a study schedule (including some weekend time) and discipline yourself to stick to it. **YOU MUST MAINTAIN A HOMEWORK AVERAGE OF 85% OR HIGHER. IF YOUR HW AVERAGE FALLS BELOW THIS, YOU WILL BE PLACED ON A CONTRACT. IF YOU CANNOT KEEP TO THE CONTRACT, YOU WILL BE PLACED IN A REGULAR GEOMETRY CLASS.** In the event that your homework average is less than 70% and you are still in the class when grades are submitted, your grade will be lowered by a full letter grade (i.e. a grade of B is lowered to a C). This includes semester grades!
3. Homework is due at the beginning of the next class. You will receive handouts listing assignments and if I forget to mention it in class, you should always assume that your assignment is the next one on the sheet. I suggest you get the phone number of a classmate, so that you can call to double-check on the assignment if you have missed class.

When you have an **excused** absence, please make up missed assignments as soon as possible. After a weekend has passed, you should be completely caught up.

I understand that other things come up on occasion that may keep you from completing your homework. Please **TALK TO ME** when this happens. I will accept late homework for half credit, but once we have begun a new chapter, late homework will not be accepted at all!

4. All assignments must be completed in **PENCIL** on **LOOSE-LEAF** binder paper. **Paper from a spiral notebook will not be accepted unless the rough edges are cut off (my pet peeve..).** Assignments in pen or on other types of paper will not be graded.

TESTS AND QUIZZES:

1. Daily quizzes will be given to test your understanding of the current material. There will be no make-up daily quizzes since only two quizzes per week will be counted. If you are tardy, you will not receive credit for your daily quiz.
2. Chapter quizzes will be given midway through our coverage of each chapter and will cover three or four sections in the text. Chapter tests will cover the entire chapter. Lectures, assigned reading, daily quiz and homework problems are all possible items for tests and quizzes. **Please note** that there will be no make-up for tests/quizzes if they are missed with an unexcused absence. If the absence is excused, you will have a **one-time** opportunity to make up the test/quiz at the tutorial immediately following your absence. It is your responsibility to determine what you need to make-up when you are absent.
3. You will be given **ONE** opportunity per semester to re-take a chapter test and raise your test grade to a maximum of 75%. To qualify for a retest, you will need to come in to the first tutorial following the original test and show me a plan for reviewing the material covered on the test. At the next tutorial, you can take another form of the test.

OTHER POINTS:

1. **PARTICIPATION** - Your total point score will also be affected by the quality of your participation in class each day. Participation is worth 15 points each quarter. Points will be given for activities such as going to the board to explain problems, contributing during class, coming to tutorial, etc.. You will lose participation points if you choose to disregard the classroom rules. After you earn 15 points, any additional points you earn will be treated as **extra-credit!!!** There will be a limit on the number of extra-credit points you can earn.
2. **FLASH CARDS** - You will be asked to create and maintain a set of flash cards for the course. You will need to make a flash card for every definition, postulate, theorem and corollary that we cover. Your flash cards will be turned in before each chapter test and are worth 10 points. You will not be able to take the chapter test (i.e., you will receive a grade of zero) unless your flash cards are turned in.

3. **PORTFOLIO** - You will be expected to organize your work in a notebook that will serve as your working portfolio. You should organize your work so that your notes, problems, investigations and examples are readily accessible. This portfolio of your work will represent your efforts and achievements throughout the year and will give you an opportunity to see your growth over time.

COMPUTING YOUR GRADE: You can compute your grade at any time during the year by adding up your points and dividing by the total number of points possible. Your grade will be cumulative (i.e., we will not "start over" each quarter). Grades will be available on my website every so you will always know how you are doing.

A 90% - 100%

C 70% - 79%

F below 60%

B 80% - 89%

D 60% - 69%

Your semester grade (this is the grade that colleges look at) is determined by your overall point percent (this is 80% of your semester grade) and a cumulative final exam (this is 20% of your semester grade). Please note that you **will not** be able to make-up any of the work assigned on day(s) you miss due to an unexcused absence .