

## Stevenson Middle School 2020 -2021 Grading Policy



### **Late Work**

When students fail to turn in an assignment on the due date, the teacher will mark a “m” for missing in the grade book which constitutes a zero for the assignment. The students, with the exception of those with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or a 504 plan with an extended time accommodation, will have three days to turn in the completed assignment upon notification of the missing assignment. Students can earn the maximum grade of:

One day late –	85
Two days late –	80
Three days late –	75

### **Low Grades**

Students have the opportunity to make-up summative assessments (testing category grades) if they complete a reteach activity (review for a retest, revising an essay/project, tutoring session, etc...) and complete a retest or redo of essay/project within five - seven days of receiving the original grade. A retest will be different than the original in order to uphold the integrity of the assessment. Students will be granted the higher grade with no penalty.

### **CDB (Curriculum Diagnostic Benchmark) Grading**

All core subject areas may only count a district CDB in the formative (daily) grading category. Students cannot take CDBs over for a higher grade, but teachers may conduct a re-teach which could result in a higher grade for students.

### **Teacher Expectations**

- A minimum of two grades per week.
  - For each progress report there will be at least one new grade in each category.
- All subject areas must have at least three summative assessments and not more than four.
- There will be no fewer than 16 grades and no more than 20.
- Summative grades cannot be dropped and formative grades may be dropped at the teacher’s discretion.

### **Grade Categories**

- History, Spanish, PE, Fine Arts, CATE courses: 50% formative and 50% summative
- ELA and Math courses: 40% formative and 60% summative
- Science: 20% formative, 40% summative, and 40% labs

### **Academic Integrity/Plagiarism**

Academic integrity and plagiarism violations will be taken seriously, and we will follow the consequences outlined in the District handbook.

#### **\*Students taking Art, CTE, Band, Choir, Orchestra, Dance, or Theater:**

Retakes will not be allowed in these classes for the following reasons:

- Major grade projects can range from one week to over a month and are solely done in class. Students are permitted, even encouraged, to come in on their own time to work on their project, if necessary, to complete it by the specified due date. NOTE: Students need to use their time wisely in class to be successful.)
- When work is done outside of school, we cannot guarantee that work redone is original.
- Unique materials that require teacher prep time is difficult to prepare for one child.

Retakes for Band, Choir, Orchestra, Dance, or Theater will entail a performance-based activity where students will be graded on the standards/expectations set forth by the teacher. This activity will look different in each class, but it will be relayed to the students in advance.

\*\*When summative grades are vocabulary or written work, students will be given the opportunity to make them up as detailed above.