

MATHEMATICS

8th Grade

The Rancho San Justo Math Department strives to be consistent and fair in its grading policy. As such, we have adopted the following policy regarding homework, grades, extra credit and late assignments. We also have a policy about extended absences (independent study). These policies are consistent across all teachers in the department at each grade level.

Factors for Grading

1. Grades will reflect student achievement toward mastery of course objectives.
2. Grades will reflect levels of achievement consistently and fairly.
3. Grades will be current and available through the electronic grading system.
4. Students making a reasonable attempt at an assignment shall receive a grade no lower than 50% on that assignment.
5. Teachers shall allow students to retake assessments at their discretion.
6. Grading is divided into two broad categories as noted. Percents differ by grade.

	Summative <i>DEF: Evaluates student learning at the <u>end</u> of an instructional unit.</i>	Formative <i>DEF: Monitors student learning and provides <u>on-going</u> feedback to teachers and students</i>
8th	70%	30%
e x a m p l e s	Standards-Based Tests/Quizzes* Common Assessments Mid-terms, Semester Tests Large Projects Mastery Assessments Summary Presentations Demonstration Portfolios	Homework Informal quizzes** Entrance Tickets/ Exit Tickets Transitions or Warm-ups Small projects Draft re-writes, re-do assignments In-class work/Practice Student Participation Journals/Notebook checks

* No notes allowed, limited study guides possible

** Notebooks or study guides permitted

Requirements for Assignments

1. Assignments MUST be in pencil, no exceptions.
2. No credit given for pen, markers, etc.

Homework and Zero Policy

RSJ does not allow students to leave missing assignments incomplete. Administration performs a school-wide review on the 15th day of each grading period and assigns designated students lunch study hall or Friday school until work is complete.

Purpose of Homework

1. **Practice and reinforce** fundamental skills to meet course objectives
2. Aid in processing needed information to demonstrate mastery
3. Develop regular study habits, responsibility, and self-discipline

Late Work/Make up work

Late work due to absences is given full credit when turned in promptly upon return to school. Math teachers will accept late work until the day of the unit test for a maximum of 60%. After that, late work receives a significantly lower percent to reflect lack of effort and untimely completion.

Extra Credit

Extra credit is available on a limited basis only after a student completes ALL missing assignments. Extra Credit will be relevant to current content and could include worksheets, on-line quizzes, posters or presentations. Students must demonstrate 80% mastery to receive points. Extra Credit can only raise a student's overall grade one level.

Independent Study Contracts

When a student leaves for an extended period of time, he or she misses key instructional time and interaction with their teacher. As such, the RSJ Math Department HIGHLY discourages long absences. It is each student's responsibility to communicate well in advance of departure, submit an independent study contract, and complete all assigned work. Teachers grade students based on their completion of all material. All assigned work is current content paced in-step with class curriculum.