

Alamo Heights Junior School
Science Department Grading Policy
2018-2019

The science department provides assignments, laboratories, classwork, projects, tests, and other instructional activities designed so that the student's performance indicates mastery of the designated course objectives. In accordance with district policy, the student's mastery level is the main factor in determining a grade on an assignment and in the course.

Graded Work: The following percentages represent the value that each component of the course contributes to the overall grade.

6th Grade:	40%	Test, Major Labs, and Projects
	60%	Classwork, Lab Activities, Homework, and Quizzes
7th Grade:	50%	Test, Major Labs, and Projects
	50%	Classwork, Lab Activities, Homework, and Quizzes
8th Grade:	60%	Test, Major Labs, and Projects
	40%	Classwork, Lab Activities, Homework, and Quizzes

Late Work: Late work will only be accepted up until the summative assessment related to the content area or unit that the work is assigned. After the summative assessment, the work will not be accepted and a grade of zero will be issued for that particular assignment.
As per district guidelines, the grade on late work will reflect student mastery.

Reassessment for Mastery:

In accordance with district policies, a student shall be permitted a reasonable opportunity to redo or retake a major assignment for which the student received an unsatisfactory grade prior to the next major assessment. The Science Department will use the following guidelines and act in accordance with this policy.

- Students who do not exhibit mastery on a major assessment will have the opportunity to make corrections before their reassessment. A parent signature is required next to their original grade. Both the corrections and parent signature need to be turned in within 5 school days from the time the grade was received by the student to qualify for a reassessment. Teachers will offer a student reassessment for mastery of a major assessment once per assessment.
- Students are responsible for scheduling time with teachers for re-teaching and for reassessment. Re-teaching and reassessment will occur within 5 days of receiving their assessment grade.
- Re-assessment may assume the form(s) of an additional exam, special assignments, and/or another activity deemed appropriate by the teacher so long as it measures mastery of learning objectives being reevaluated.
- This reassessment policy does not apply to semester or final exams.