

Departmental Grading Policy

Mathematics

The following factors will be included in determining student grades for this course:

70% of the grade will be earned by demonstrating an understanding of the course outcomes as measured by methods focusing on content. These methods will include skills and performance-based assessments and may include journal entries affirming knowledge, problem solving projects, or oral presentations.

30% of the grade will be earned by demonstrating an understanding of the course outcomes as measured by methods focusing on process. These methods will include individual classwork, utilization of class time, assignments to be completed out of class, notebooks, and group tasks.

All Algebra I and Geometry students will take the High School Assessment test in May. Maryland State Department of Education requires that each student's score must be recorded on the student's permanent high school transcript.

Attendance is an important aspect of your education at Frederick Douglass High School. In accordance with Prince George's County Public Schools' Administrative Procedure 5113, *Pupil Attendance and Absence*, "five (5) days of unlawful absence per semester in a semester course, or ten (10) days of unlawful absence per year in a full year course shall result in no grade ("N") for a course." Additionally, students will receive a zero (0) for all work done on the day of an unexcused absence and will not be given the opportunity to make up work missed because of an unlawful absence.

When absent, a student has two (2) days in which to bring in a note that excuses him/her for the absence. After that time, the absence becomes unexcused. The reason for the absence must be stated in the note. This note must be given to the first period teacher who will issue an attendance form (PA-1) to the student. This form will denote whether the absence is lawful (excused) or unlawful (unexcused). It is the student's responsibility to present this attendance form to each of his/her teachers.

According to Prince George's County Public Schools' Administrative Procedure 5121.2, *Assessment and Grading for All Secondary School Programs*, "students who are considered lawfully absent from school will have the opportunity to make up missed work in a timely fashion (a maximum of three (3) days for each day's absence). Students who fail to complete missed work in a timely fashion will receive "zero" grades for those assignments."