

How to Get an "F"

Because Homework grading is somewhat fluid, some students think that homework can be put off indefinitely. Be assured that each of you has more homework than it is possible to finish UNLESS you work on it consistently. I don't want you to spend 3 hours on a problem that you can't get, BUT I do want you to spend the 3 hours! Set up a schedule. Work regularly. If you get overwhelmed, take a break. Take advantage of being able to turn in incomplete assignments, but MAKE SURE, that you address any missing assignments that you haven't truly finished.

Symptoms of a Incipient F

1. You don't do homework.
2. You consistently turn in incomplete homework
3. You don't make any effort to complete any assignments.
- 4 You wait until the last two weeks and then try to turn it all in at once.
5. Same as 4, but you wait until the last week.
6. Same as 4 and 5, but you wait until the last day.
7. Same as 4,5 and 6 but you try to turn it in after the gradebook closes.
8. etc.

REMEMBER

1. Know and Respect No "A" day. LATE work turned in after NO "A" can only be used to change a failing grade to a D or C.
2. Large packages of work turned in after NO "A": day may only be graded as a 40%.
3. Large packages of work turned in during the last week may not be graded and if they are it will be graded after every other assignment that is turned in. (i.e. It won't be graded)

What should be in the Notes section

1. Daily assignments. Page, Section, Problem numbers.
2. List of any online applets
3. Topics
4. Readings
5. What you did for this class TODAY.

EACH DAY. write a summary of your homework efforts.

- 1. Pages read**
- 2. Homework problems attempted/completed**
- 3. Barron's problems attempted completed**
- 4. Time spent programming**
- 5. WebWork/Calculus problems completed**
- 6. Total time**
- 7. PARENT signature on notes table of contents for each week**

What should be in the Journals

The purpose of journals is to allow the student a free place to express feelings about the class, personal problems that might affect the student's effort and/or the study of math. The student is free to write on almost anything. It is hoped that the student will fill the journals with meaningful writing. Students who demonstrate a conscious effort are eligible for extra credit. If the student uses this opportunity to "practice their handwriting", it is expected that **ALL** space on the page be filled completely. Any white space will result in a lowered grade.