How practice sheets are graded from Monday, November 2

The grade categories from the syllabus do not change: Participation 10%, Practice and Quizzes 40%, Tests 50%. This addendum only says how each practice sheet earns its points inside the 40%.

WHY THIS IS CHANGING

Until now a practice sheet could come in any time before the unit test for full credit, and too many sheets stopped coming in at all. From Monday, November 2 the points follow the date: the sooner a complete sheet comes in, the more it earns, and a complete sheet earns at least 3 points right up to the day of the unit test. There is always a reason to finish a sheet.

Every practice sheet is worth 5 points.

The points depend on the day a complete sheet comes in. "Complete" means every problem is done and your work is shown.

YOU EARN	WHEN
5 POINTS	The sheet is complete, your work is shown, and it is in your class turn-in box by the end of your math period on its due date. The due date is the next school day after the sheet was handed out. The one exception: when the next school day is a work day (Thursdays), the sheet is due the school day after the work day. Example: a sheet handed out on Monday is due Tuesday; a sheet handed out on Wednesday is due Friday. Every sheet's dates are posted on the Assignments tab of your class page.
4 POINTS	A complete sheet with work shown that comes in after its due date, within the next three school days. For a sheet due on Tuesday, that means Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.
3 POINTS	A complete sheet with work shown that comes in after that, any day up to the day of the unit test. Until it comes in, the gradebook shows the sheet as 0 and Missing; when it comes in, the 3 points replace the 0.
2 POINTS	Any day, if the sheet is not finished or shows no work. Finish it, show your work, and turn it in again: it then earns the points for the day it comes back complete.
0 POINTS	A sheet that is not turned in by the day of the unit test. After the test the unit is closed.

6 The quiz bonus

If you score 8 or more out of 10 on that week's quiz, every sheet from that same week that you turned in complete counts as 5 points, even the ones that came in late. A week with no quiz has no quiz bonus. A sheet that is Missing or not finished gets nothing from the bonus.

7 The quiz floor

If every practice sheet handed out that week is in your class turn-in box complete, with work shown, by the end of your math period on its own 5-point day, your score on that week's quiz cannot be lower than 3 out of 10. The whole rule is on the quizzes and tests sheet.

Your sheets protect your quiz, and your quiz can rescue your sheets.

Sheets handed out before Monday, November 2 keep the old points: In or Late 5, Incomplete 3, Missing 0.

THIS WEEK, WITH REAL DATES

The sheet handed out Monday, November 2

5 points	in your class turn-in box by the end of your math period on Tuesday, November 3
4 points	complete, in on Wednesday, November 4, Thursday, November 5 or Friday, November 6
3 points	complete, in from Monday, November 9 up to the day of the unit test, Friday, December 4
0 points	not turned in by the day of the unit test

The sheet handed out Wednesday, November 4

5 points	Thursday, November 5 is a work day, so this sheet is due Friday, November 6: in your class turn-in box by the end of your math period that day
4 points	complete, in on Monday, November 9, Tuesday, November 10 or Thursday, November 12
3 points	complete, in from Friday, November 13 up to the day of the unit test, Friday, December 4
0 points	not turned in by the day of the unit test

If you are absent

Every school day you are absent moves each of your dates back one school day. Example: the sheet was handed out on Monday and you were absent on Monday. You come back Tuesday, pick up the sheet, and it is due by the end of your math period on Wednesday for 5 points. Another example: you were here on Monday and got the sheet, then you were absent on Tuesday, its due date. It is now due Wednesday, so turning it in Wednesday earns 5 points. Your 4-point days move the same way: a day you are absent inside those three school days adds a school day to them. Excused and unexcused absences move your dates the same way.

If Mr. Minnerly has set you up to do a sheet online, the online sheet follows the same dates and earns the same points, and it counts as complete only when every box is filled in and at least half of your answers are right.

WHEN YOU MISS A DAY

1. Go to mrminnerly.com, pick your class, and open the Assignments tab. Every sheet is listed with its own dates: the day it earns 5 points by, the day it earns 4 points by, and the day of the unit test. Add one school day to each date for every day you were out. Or open "What did I miss?" and tap the days you were out for one list.
2. Get the sheet: print it from the Assignments tab, or pick up a paper copy from the class mail-sorter by the door.
3. Read the take-home notes first. They have a worked example of every kind of problem on the sheet.
4. Put the finished sheet in your class turn-in box.
5. Need help? Before school, after school, during Thursday's work time in class, or ask. Missed the Friday quiz? You take it on your first day back (the quizzes and tests sheet says how, and how many days you have).

For families

Skyward (the district's grade website) shows every practice sheet out of 5 points: 5, 4, 3 or 2 once it is in, and 0 or Missing while it is not. The dates for every sheet are on the **Assignments tab** of your student's class page: go to mrminnerly.com, pick the class, then Assignments. Each sheet shows the day it earns 5 points by, the day it earns 4 points by, and the day of the unit test. The next unit test in Algebra 1 is Friday, December 4. Questions: **zminnerly@wellpinit.org** or the school office, **(509) 258-4535**.

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