Quizzes and tests: how they count from Monday, November 2

The grade categories from the syllabus do not change: Participation 10%, Practice and Quizzes 40%, Tests 50%. This sheet says how each Friday quiz and each unit test earns its points from Monday, November 2. The practice sheets have their own sheet.

FRIDAY QUIZZES

Every Friday quiz is 10 problems, 1 point each, on that week's practice sheets. It is the week's one accuracy grade.

1 The 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. If you score 3 or higher, you get the score you earned; the floor adds nothing. The floor only applies to a quiz you took.

2 The bonus

If you score 8 or more out of 10, every sheet from that week that you turned in complete counts as 5 points, even the ones that came in late.

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

3 If you were absent on quiz day

On your first day back, you take the quiz you missed during the solo work block, instead of that day's practice sheet. You finish that day's practice sheet as homework; it is still due at its normal time.

4 If you were absent two or more days that week

If you were absent on two or more school days of the quiz's week, on quiz day you choose: take the quiz with the class, or wait and take it later. If you wait, you work on a practice sheet you missed while the class takes the quiz. Taking the quiz later is your job, not Mr. Minnerly's: on the next school day, when the solo work block starts, you ask him for your quiz. Nobody will remind you. Rule 5 says how many days you have.

5 How many days you have

Every quiz you have not taken yet, whatever the reason, must be taken by the end of the fifth school day after quiz day. Days with no school do not count, and days you are absent do not count. Example: Quiz 4 was Friday, November 6, and Wednesday, November 11 was a holiday, so the fifth school day after it is Monday, November 16. A student who was also absent on Monday, November 9 has until Tuesday, November 17. After your last day, a quiz you have not taken is a 0 in the gradebook, marked Missing, and it stays a 0.

6 Taking a quiz again for a better score

Anyone may take any quiz a second time, once, whatever the first score was. Before the second try, three things must be done: (1) every practice sheet from that quiz's week is turned in complete; (2) you have done corrections on the quiz: every problem you missed, worked again, with the work shown; (3) you have had a re-learning session with Mr. Minnerly, before school, after school, or during Thursday's work time. The second try must happen within two weeks of the day the quiz came back to you. It is a different version of the quiz, with different numbers. The higher of your two scores is your grade; a lower second score changes nothing.

UNIT TESTS

You do not retake a whole unit test. You earn lost points back one skill at a time, with Skill Checks.

7 The plan

Within two weeks of the day your test comes back to you, talk with Mr. Minnerly and make a plan for getting your score up: which Skill Checks, and when. The plan can put a check later than those two weeks; what has to happen inside the two weeks is the conversation. No plan by the end of those two weeks means the score stands.

8 A Skill Check

A Skill Check is a short paper: 6 problems on one skill from the test, 10 minutes, alone, no notes, scored right away. Each check pays back the points you lost on certain test questions. When the tests come back, Mr. Minnerly posts which check goes with which questions.

`5 or 6 right`	every point you lost on those test questions comes back.
`4 right`	half of those points come back (rounded up).
`3 or fewer right`	you lose nothing, and you get a new version of the check to try again.

9 Tries

Two tries for full points: the first check, then a new version of it. After two misses, the only way to try again is a one-on-one session with Mr. Minnerly, and that third try pays back half the points at most. One try per Skill Check per day, none on the day the tests come back, and you may take two different checks on the same day.

10 Where

Checks are on paper, in the classroom, with Mr. Minnerly: in class when one is announced, or before school, after school, or at a time he gives you. Never during another class. Practice first: every check has a practice page on the class site, and Test Prep has problems like the test, with the steps.

11 If you were absent on test day

You take the test you missed on your first day back, during work time or at a time Mr. Minnerly gives you.

For families

Skyward (the district's grade website) shows each Friday quiz out of 10 points and each unit test out of its own points. A quiz taken a second time shows the higher of the two scores. Points a Skill Check earns back go onto the unit test's score in Skyward; a Skill Check is never a separate grade. 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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