

# Grading Manifesto

Basic Premise: The goal of our classes is to master the material. It doesn't matter how long that takes you. You may have as many attempts as you need. It is your mastery of the material that has the most effect on your grade, and that effect is instantaneous.

Grade Breakdown:

Weekly Mastery Quizzes:	70%
Homework/Classwork/Projects:	20%
Benchmark Exams:	10%

Wow, quizzes are a HUGE percent of the grade!

Yes they are. Bad quiz scores can be replaced with better ones later, and you can retake questions as many times as you need to. In the end your grade will reflect your mastery of the material.

How the Weekly Mastery Quizzes work:

Every Friday we'll give a quiz. It will have up to 6 questions on it. Each question will address a specific concept you need to learn this year. These concepts will appear on multiple quizzes. The first time that concept appears on a quiz, the question will be fairly easy. You'll get a score out of 4.

Scoring:

4	Problem is perfectly solved
3.5	Problem is almost perfectly solved; minor unrelated errors
3	Problem is mostly solved, minor errors affect answer
2	Significant effort made, essential understanding missing
1	Some attempt made to solve problem
0	No attempt made to solve problem

When you get your quiz back, you'll record how you did on each concept on your Concept Checklist. The next time a concept appears on a quiz, the problem will be significantly more difficult. The concept will now be worth 5 points. Every time you are quizzed on a concept, you get a chance to improve your grade. If you get a higher score than you did the last time, the higher score replaces your old score. If you get a perfect 4 twice, then you have mastered that concept. Your score is bumped up to a 5 out of 5 in the grade book, you get a stamp on your Concept Checklist, and you get to cross out that concept on any future quizzes. Once you have mastered a concept, we won't quiz you on it any more. (Of course, the material will still be practiced during class and on homework assignments.)