Homework Guidelines

When homework is collected for a grade, the following guidelines must be followed. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in a zero for the assignment. There will be no warnings. (Please note that these guidelines do not apply to practice problems. You may choose to do 250 practice problems on a postage stamp if you so desire.)

1. Homework is due at 1:00 pm on Wednesdays. You may turn in your homework in class on the day it is due, but if you happen to forget your homework when you come to class, you can still get it to me by 1:00 pm, and I will take it.

2. No late homework will be accepted, no exceptions. Refer to the syllabus if you miss turning in an assignment due to an excused absence.

3. No homework questions will be answered on the day the homework is due. If you begin your homework on Tuesday night, do not expect me to answer questions you have about your homework on Wednesday morning.

4. Homework must be done on loose leaf paper. Unlined paper is fine; however, paper from a spiral bound notebook is unacceptable. When I collect several homework papers that have those leftover frilly edges, I get a mess of little scraps of paper all over my office.

5. Each new problem is to begin on a new page. This will give you plenty of room to work out each problem, and it makes me happier when I grade. Multiple parts of the same problem may be put on the same page.

6. Write only on one side of the paper. Anything on the back side of the paper will simply not be graded. This means you can recycle old papers on which to do your homework because I will not be reading the back side of the paper anyway.

7. Arrange the problems in the order in which they were assigned. I grade homework papers one problem at a time. If your papers are not in the same order as everyone else’s, I might just assume that you did the wrong problem, and I will count it wrong.

8. Staple all pages together in the top left-hand corner. Notice this says *top left-hand corner*. If you recycle an old homework assignment to do another, pull the old staple out and restaple your assignment. Do not leave the staple in what would then be the upper right-hand corner of the paper. Also, do not dog-ear the top corner of the papers to hold them together.

9. Put your name at the top of each sheet of paper. Do this in case your papers become loose for some reason so I can get the pages back to their rightful owner.

10. Work is to be done in pencil. Mathematics should never be done in ink.

11. All relevant steps in solving the problem should be shown. An answer with no supporting work will simply be counted wrong.

12. Work is to be done neatly. If I cannot read your work, it will be considered wrong.