

The Rules of Mr. Kuncik's Quizzes

When will we take quizzes tests?

We will take brief quizzes (about 15 minutes) approximately every other class period (sometimes more, sometimes less). We will do large tests much more rarely. (So, I'm going to cancel the large test on 9-28-19 and replace it with two short quizzes on 9-26-19 and 9-28-19).

What quiz will you take?

Everyone will start with an easy quiz (called Level 1).

If you pass it, then you will take the next quiz the next time (level 2).

Otherwise, you will take level 1 again, until you pass it.

If you pass level 2, the next time you will take level 3. etc. etc.

What if I come close but don't quite make it?

- If you get 90% or above, you move on to the next test.

- If you get 60 % or below, you don't.

- If you get between 60 % and 90 %, then you have a choice. You can move on to the higher test, and you will pass if you get a combined score of 80 % or above on the higher and lower test. Or you can take the lower test again and try to get 90 %.

How do I know what I quiz will take and what to study?

Whenever I hand scores back, I'll communicate what quiz you'll take next.

On the website (mrkuncik.com), there will be specific information to study for each quiz, so you can study material specific to what you need to learn.

How will this be converted into a grade?

Everyone will have a number for their *level*, which goes up as you pass more challenging quizzes. On the final day of the unit (October 19), I'll put a grade into PowerSchool based upon how far you have advanced. No grades will be entered into PowerSchool before the end of the unit.

Note: I changed it to lower the max level by 1.

A Level	
Level	Grade
1	65 %
2	74 %
3	83 %
4	91 %
5	100 %

Honors	
Level	Grade
1	65 %
2	71 %
3	77 %
4	83 %
5	88 %
6	94 %
7	100 %

I am behind and I don't like my grade! What can I do?

Come any time you like to take another quiz and advance faster: bulldog block, after school, even a directed study (On odd days, you can sit in the back of my chemistry class and take a quiz). Just make sure you arrange it in advance.

Can I skip ahead to a tougher quiz?

For now, no, but I'll consider this as a possibility in the future as I get to know you better.

What happens if I advance to a higher level than is required for A+? Do I get a grade higher than 100%?

You don't get a grade higher than 100% but you do get to be



In seriousness, taking on more challenging topics helps you become better prepared for college math and science classes.

Why not just use a traditional grading system?

Because before long everyone will be taking a different quiz, and there needs to be a way to grade everyone regardless.

What's the advantage of doing things this way?

There are many!

- Every student receives specific information on what they, individually, need to study, and has a chance to study this material and improve.
- Each student ends up with a quiz that fits their current level of ability. If its too easy, they move to harder tests, and if its too difficult they have more chances to study.
- Test anxiety should be *lower* because you constantly have opportunities to learn more and improve your grade. Your grade does not depend on how well you perform on one specific day.
- Philosophically, it is better to view knowledge as a ladder of growth rather than as answers to particular set of questions.