

Major Class Policies

Attendance: I follow AFHS' attendance policies. A student is considered tardy if they are not in their seat and ready to begin class when the bell to end the passing period rings.

Daily Quizzes: We will take a quiz at the start of class every day. I will drop the lowest five scores from each term. If you are gone from class that day, you cannot make up the quiz; it will just be one of your dropped scores. If you are late to class and miss the quiz, you cannot make up the quiz; it will just be one of your dropped scores.

Electronics in the Classroom: I am very much a supporter of technology and definitely think that students should learn how to use it effectively. However, in my experience, it serves as a distraction more often than a tool. Therefore, students are not allowed to use their phones or other electronic devices in class for any reason, without express permission from me every time they wish to use it. Parents, please facilitate the learning environment by trying to communicate with your child during the passing periods and breaks. In the case of some sort of family emergency, where you may need to reach your child, please have your child explain to me before class that he or she may need to take a phone call. A student using electronics inappropriately will have their device confiscated for the duration of the class period. Repeat offenders will have their device given to the front office, where a parent may pick it up.

Late Work: Most assignments may be turned in late for 80% credit. Some assignments (for example anything that is time sensitive either in terms of world events or the class schedule) may not be turned in late at all. I will draw attention to these types of assignments in class. Late assignments are not eligible for resubmission to improve a score.

Cheating: I have very little patience for cheating. With such a generous late work policy, there is no reason not to just complete the assignment late. Any work found not to be the student's original creation will be given a zero in the gradebook and I will send an email to the parents to inform them that it happened.

Grading Scale: I use the following scale to assign final grades:

Anything Else: I follow the policies of American Fork High School and Alpine School District. If you have any questions, you can reach me at matthewbird@alpinedistrict.org.

Grade	Percent		
A	94.00 – 100.00	C	74.00 – 76.99
A-	90.00 – 93.99	C-	70.00 – 73.99
B+	87.00 – 89.99	D+	67.00 – 69.99
B	84.00 – 86.99	D	64.00 – 66.99
B-	80.00 – 83.99	D-	60.00 – 63.99
C+	77.00 – 79.99	F	0 – 59.99