

Mr. Mikesell's Assessment/Test Retake Policy

I am a believer in second chances, especially at the 6th grade level. Because of this I have created and been using a retake policy with my students for many years. I encourage all of my students to take advantage of this policy.

If a student receives a grade of a 75% or lower on their assessment, they will be allowed to correct their mistakes and earn a retake. They can earn up to an 89% on their retake. This means that a student could possibly go from a 0% to an 89% with their retake.

If a student receives a grade on an assessment between 76% and 89%, I allow these kids to submit their corrections as well. However, a retake may not be necessary for students falling under this percent range. I would simply check their corrections and bump them up to an 89% if they were adequate.

You may have noticed that the highest a kid can earn on a second chance is an 89%. This is how I protect the students who got an A(90%-100%) the first time they took an assessment.

After I have graded and returned their first test, they can choose to make corrections to their mistakes on a separate sheet of paper and staple that sheet to their test. If the corrections are adequate, I will offer them a retake. (I must see that the corrections are adequate or the retake may possibly be a waste of time for the teacher and the student) If the corrections still need work, I will hand them back to the student with some help from me. I usually give the students a week to get me their corrections so that they can take the retake in a reasonable amount of time.

All students are eligible but this is not something that is mandatory. However, once a student finds out how much of a positive impact it has on their grade, they tend to take me up on my offer of a retake.

The only time retakes are hard to offer to the students is when a test falls towards the end of a quarter. In that case, I remind the kids that they will not be allowed to do a retake because there are only so many days in a quarter.

Thank you.

-Mr. Mikesell