

Hello, Algebra 2 Students! Happy Quarter 2!

As we begin this new quarter, I would like to share a few reminders, some clarification, and a couple of pieces of new information with you – more than I can fit in a Remind message. 😊 This will also be posted on my teacher page.

Reminders

- I continue to post the **weekly assignment guides on my teacher page** (CHS website) every Monday around 7:30 am. Here's a link: <https://chs.helenaschools.org/teachers/tbruski/> I have received a lot of positive feedback from kids as to having access to the expectations for the whole week on Monday.
- Please continue to contact/talk to me when you have **questions or need help**.
- I send at least one **Remind** message to students every week, and sometimes many more. Several of you have changed your status either to or from DLI, please make sure you have joined the applicable group. Here are the codes again.
 - In school, A or B days: @alg2tb201
 - DLI: @dli2tb
- I continue to expect you to **do and submit your work on time**.
 - After the first month of school and very flexible due dates, I began to award only half credit for late work up until the quiz over the given set of material. The number of assignments done and submitted on time have significantly increased. Hooray!
 - **Note:** I will accept all 3.3, 3.4, and 3.3-3.4 Review work for full credit through this Friday, 11/6.
 - Starting next Monday, 11/9, late work will again receive only half credit.

Clarification – I just want to make sure you know . . .

- When I go through a set of assignments in Teams, if you have not submitted it, I enter a zero with the feedback "Not turned in yet." You can still **resubmit** it for half credit through the given end date - you just have to **click on "Completed"** in your Teams Assignments to access that assignment again. You should already be familiar with this completed area as you should be checking your returned assignments for feedback.
- If you have done the assignment, I will assign a grade, and if you earn less than a 5/5, I will offer you some sort of **feedback** as to why. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you don't understand what I've entered, or if you would like more information. I would be more than happy to go over it with you.
- I enter your **"Forms" review and quiz grades** directly into PowerSchool. You currently do not see those scores in Teams.
- I have discovered that, when syncing to PowerSchool from Teams, the set **due dates** for work often change. I have been trying to go in and change them back manually, but if there is ever a discrepancy, follow the due dates posted in Teams.
- When two or more students turn in **identical assignments, they will all receive a zero**. I am totally supportive of you working together and helping each other on assignments (NOT QUIZZES), but the emphasis should be on learning. You know better than to submit someone else's work as your own. If you are the helper, make sure that your helpee knows that they do not have your permission to submit your work as theirs, and that you are not willing to risk receiving that zero.

New

- Your videos are now posted as resources in the actual assignments they go with – you won't have to search for separate posts anymore. You will still be able to access them from the live links on the assignment guides if you prefer.
- Sadly, far too many students are **"forgetting" to take the quizzes**. They are only active for set periods of time which are clearly posted, discussed, and often the subject of a Remind message. So, moving forward, if you "forget" to take the quiz when assigned, you will forfeit the 2-3 buffer points offered at the end of every quiz. Calculating with the points offered on previous quizzes, this would equate to a loss of 12.5% – 15%. Please discuss any extenuating circumstances with me in advance. If you need to make up a quiz, contact me ASAP.

Thank you so much for your time! I really appreciate it. Let's have a great Quarter 2! 😊