

GRADE-RAISER POLICY

Mastery of concepts in the Standards is our goal.

Students are encouraged to voluntarily "raise" any test below a 75%. You will not be retaking an entire exam; only making corrections to those original answers marked as incorrect.

Please follow the procedure below.

1. Look over your test carefully at home. Wherever it says minus points or has an X or a circle, it means you made an error. Make sure you understand what your error is. If you do not understand your error(s), you need to come in for extra help.

2. On your test correction sheet (any blank sheet of paper):

Write YOUR NAME and the TITLE of the TEST

Write the question number of the first question for which you lost points.

Look at your work carefully and figure out what you did wrong.

Carefully explain what you did wrong, and be specific.

The following are some examples of poor explanations. You will not get credit for things like:

- o I made a careless error.
- o I got the wrong answer.
- o I wrote the wrong thing.

In order to get credit, you must be much more specific.

Redo the work correctly.

You must show your work and circle your answer.

If you got a matching or multiple choice question wrong, you must WRITE OUT THE ENTIRE QUESTION and the ENTIRE new ANSWER for credit.

Draw a straight line going across the page underneath the corrections for your first error.

3. Repeat the process for all other questions for which you lost points. You should have a separate entry on your Test Correction Sheet every time you have an incorrect answer.

Work NEATLY! Use extra paper if necessary, and STAPLE it to the failed test paper.

****You must HAND in your ORIGINAL test, SIGNED BY A PARENT, STAPLED to the test correction sheets.**

REMEMBER: The person most responsible for your learning is YOU!

Examples of Corrected answers:

#1 REASON MISSED: I mixed up the definition for sedimentary and igneous.

#1 CORRECTED ANSWER: The definition for sedimentary is "made of compressed layers of sediment, and the definition for igneous is rock made from melted magma.

#16. List 3 types of rocks below.

REASON MISSED: I did not study my notes and could not remember 3 types of rocks.

#16 CORRECTED ANSWER: Three types of rocks are sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic.

#21. Short Essay 1- Write a paragraph that describes how you could...

REASON MISSED: I forgot what all five parts of characteristics of a mineral are. I did not use my notes to study. I listed only two that I could remember. After looking again at my notes, I used the acronym we learned about in class to remember the answer. NISCD = Nerds In Science Can Dance

CORRECTED ANSWER: The five characteristics of a mineral are 1) naturally-occurring, 2) inorganic, 3) solid, 4) crystal structure, and 5) definite shape