

TOP 10 Misconceptions of POLICY 5210

- Students should not be given homework.

REALITY: (Homework should be provided to assess understanding of standards.)

- Homework *can't* count as a grade.

REALITY: (Homework that assesses mastery of a standard could count as a grade.)

- **No** homework can be included in the gradebook.

REALITY: (The majority of the home assignments will appear in the non-graded portion of the gradebook.)

- **No** classes should give participation grades.

REALITY: (Classes that require participation as a part of the learning standard will be included in the grade.)

- Students will be able to make up all assignments.

REALITY: (Re-dos of specified assignments are at the discretion of the teacher.)

- No classwork assignments should be included as “graded.”

REALITY: The graded category will include a combination of assignments.

- Quizzes and tests are the only assignments that will be graded in the gradebook.

REALITY: The gradebook will contain a body of evidence that includes assignments, assessments, homework projects, presentations, products, and observations used to determine if a student has met identified curriculum goals.

- Assignment in which students receive a score (1-10 etc.) can only appear in the graded category of the gradebook.

REALITY: Assignments with scores will appear in the graded and non-graded sections of the gradebook. Teachers use rubrics with clear descriptors and/or explanations to support the justification of a score.

- Only students that fail should be allowed to redo assignments.

REALITY: Any student has the ability to redo an assignment at the discretion of the teacher.

- A test grade can never be changed.

REALITY: BCPS midterms and final examinations are not permitted for redos. In addition, assignments such as PBA's as provided by the Language Arts Office are not permitted to be redone.

