

Frequently Asked Questions

When will my test be graded?

Ideally it would be graded by the next class (48 hours), but time does not always allow for this. If there are 75 students and it takes 5 minutes to grade each test then that could take around 6.5 hours. Ms. Mahony has 1.5 hours a day to plan/grade when she is not teaching. Please take this into consideration and always wait until your next class before asking.

Can you grade my test right now?

No. Tests are graded in the order they are taken and entered in the grade book when they are all graded. Retakes are graded usually within 24 hours – if you retake and do not see it updated in 24 hours it is OK to ask, in fact you should ask! Always look for the previous score in the comments. This is your assurance that a new grade was indeed entered. Retake week does take longer.

Do you round the grades?

No. If you have an 89.9% then the grade will be reported as a B+. The best way to avoid this situation is to create a cushion by doing all of your homework before the test and if necessary retaking early.

Is there anything I can do for extra credit?

No. There is no extra credit. You can earn the regular credit by retaking targets.

How can I get my grade up?

You can retake targets.

When can I retake?

You can retake as soon as you follow the retake rules. Even if you have not had your test graded you can prepare to retake! Your test doesn't always have to be graded for you to know you didn't do well, get started fixing that right away!

When (what days/times) can I retake?

Ms. Mahony is available until 4pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays after school, or you can make an appointment.

What are the retake rules? AKA How do I retake?

1. Do the retake problems.
2. Correct the retake problems (ideally as you go).
3. Redo the ones you got incorrect (from scratch).
4. Answer this question in writing: What specific areas did I get wrong and what needs improvement on this target?
5. Give Mahony #1 & #4 when you are ready to take the retake. NO retakes will be given without this proof. No exceptions. Shortened assignments or skipped problems will need to be completed before you retake.

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What are the retake problems for chapter _____ ?

The retake problems for the last chapter are on the back of your current stamp sheet.

The retake problems for previous chapters are on the back of previous stamps sheets, posted on the back wall in the classroom, and posted online at www.mahonymath.weebly.com.

I can't find a file with a worksheet for target _____ in the bin!

That is because many of the retake problems are in the book. Check your retake problems list. Only items that are not done in the book (noted Retake Worksheet) are provided in the retake file bin and online at www.mahonymath.weebly.com.

What if I do worse on my retake?

The grade of the retake is the final grade. If you follow the retake rules it is rare that you will do worse.

If you are concerned that you will do worse then you are probably not ready to retake and you should do more practice. Try to do a problem you have done before again and see if you get it correct. Get out your old test and try a problem on there and see if you get it correct. If not do the practice problems again. Have a conversation with Ms. Mahony if you are worried BEFORE you retake!

What if I don't know how to do the retake problems?

1. Look through and work through examples in your book- try to get the same answer they did.
2. Look through your notes or the notes online. www.mahonymath.weebly.com
3. Go to the books online videos. The link to the online book is on my website.
4. Check out www.khanacademy.org and type the topic in search bar – watch a video.
5. Find a math buddy – do math together! It is always better than doing it alone!
6. Come in for after school tutoring on Wed/Thurs (there is a bus home at 4:00).