

ESBCHS Missed Major Assessment Policy

The policy regarding missed major assessments is designed to ensure fairness and accountability amongst students and to maintain the integrity of class assessments. It ensures that all students can receive timely feedback on their academic performance from their teachers.

- **Reluctant Zero for Missed Major Assessments:** When a student misses a major assessment, regardless of the reason, they receive a reluctant zero in PowerSchool. The reluctant zero is temporary in most cases.
 - The teacher will enter a comment on the assessment in PowerSchool indicating the mark of zero is due to an absence.
- **Excused Absences Require Prompt Resolution:** In cases where the absence is excused, such as illness, vacation, or a family emergency, students are given the opportunity to make up for their missed assessment and have the reluctant zero removed.
 - Students are required to write their missed assessment on their first day back to school after their period of absence. Students will need to arrange with their teacher to write the missed assessment during a spare block, at lunch, after school or during the class time of the class which assessment they missed. This requirement emphasizes the prompt resolution of missed assessments and prevents undue delays in class review.
 - If a student misses their scheduled make-up date for the major assessment, they will receive a mark of zero unless the absence is caused by extraneous circumstances. Should there be extraneous circumstances behind the missed makeup date for the major assessment, an additional make-up date will be scheduled.
 - Missed major assessments due to vacation or other types of extended leaves require discussion with teachers before the student leaves. At this time a specific date for writing the missed assessment will be agreed upon between the teacher and student.
- **Unexcused Absences Maintain Zero:** In instances where the absence is unexcused, such as truancy on the part of the student, the student will have a permanent mark of zero. This reinforces the importance of academic integrity and commitment to the responsibilities of being a student.