Show Your Work (SYW)

The following standards apply to all math assignments that are turned in, especially math tests and any documentation supporting math homework, math labs or other math problems. The instructor reserves the right to deduct points from assignments that do not follow these requirements.

- All math tests and math assignments should be written in **pencil**.

- Problems should be worked **down** (not across) the page in the order they were assigned.

- Leave **space** between problems to separate your work and to provide room for instructor comments.

- Answers should be **boxed** or circled.

- Always give **exact** answers unless instructed to give an approximation. For example, \( \frac{1}{3} \) is an exact answer while 0.3333 is an approximation.

- Multiple pages should be **stapled**.

- **Simplify** your answers for full credit.

- **Label** all test questions, homework or class work problems.

- If the problem asks to graph, show the graph. The **line** is the graph, not the points on the line.

- Illegible or sloppy work, as determined by the instructor, will not be graded.

- Assignments with frayed spiral edges will not be accepted.

- Assignments are due when called for; late work will be deducted or not accepted.

- Assignments without a student’s name may not be graded.

- If absolutely no work is required to solve a problem, copy the problem and state the solution(s).

- **Show ALL** your work and **that work must support the answer**.

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