

To: MATH 1316 students
From: Mary Parker
Re: Test 1
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No matter what your grade on Test 1, if you are understanding the material and will get help as needed to figure out how to present what you are understanding better, you can still make a fine grade in this course.

Please consider your Test 1 grade just some feedback to you and not a definitive statement on your skill or work.

Figure out what grade you intend to work for in the course. If you didn't make that on this test, talk to me during office hours about what you are doing so far and let's work on an improvement plan.

DO NOT WRITE on your Test 1 when you get it back. If you have to show it to me for any reason during the rest of the semester, it must have no additional marks on it.

Please read the syllabus to learn about the make-up test in late March/early April. For that, you don't have to do anything other than go take it, and it is only used to replace the lower ONE of the Test 1 and Test 2 grades if it is higher than the test grade it is replacing.

Replacing this test grade with the next test grade:

As the syllabus says, in order to replace this grade with your next test grade, you must work ALL the problems on this test correctly and turn that in no later than the class period **before** the next test. This must be done on separate pages. Then you must turn it in stapled on top of original test, with NO additional writing on the original test.

Once that is done, I will make a note to replace the Test 1 grade with the Test 2 grade. That is not "if higher than." It is simply a replacement. So you should not do this unless you have confidence you will do better on Test 2. Basically, this option is provided for students who fail a test and analyze what went wrong confidently enough to make significant positive changes before the next test.