

NWMS Student Assignment, Homework, & Assessment Policy



The faculty and administration of North Wilkes Middle School believe the use of classwork and homework assignments, completed both in class and independently by students outside of school, should be used to supplement student learning and growth in meeting educational goals, in compliance with Wilkes County Schools Board Policy #3135.

In order to assist students in completing assignments, remediating through interventions, providing enrichment opportunities, etc., NWMS offers free tutoring to all students from 3:30-5:00 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday, unless otherwise announced.

If students have missing/late assignments that have not been turned in by the due date, these assignments are considered “late work.” These assignments include but are not limited to the following: class work, projects, homework, discussions, questioning, or other activities. The policy of North Wilkes Middle School is that students must turn in missing/late assignments/work within five school days from the original due date or as determined by the teacher, and a penalty may be assigned for work turned in after the due date. When a student fails to turn in an assignment by the due date, it will be entered into the grade book as “missing.” “Missing” assignments are automatically calculated into the average as a failing grade. Teachers will make every effort to let students know what assignments are still considered missing/late, as missing assignments will impact a student’s average and could result in the student being required to attend Smart Lunch. Students will be allowed time to check PowerSchool each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during LEAD Up block (in addition to time given in each class daily) to identify assignments/assessments that need to be addressed, and they will be given time to write goals, etc. in their agendas to continually be proactive about completing assignments/assessments. Parents may also access updates on the work their child is completing through the Parent Portal.

If a student desires to improve his/her grade on an assessment, then they and the teacher will follow North Wilkes Middle School’s retesting policy. It is our mission to promote a growth mindset in our students, thereby encouraging them to work to improve assessment grades. Once the teacher and student together have initiated the retake process by implementing interventions and remediation, then the student will be allowed to retest. The teacher will determine the type of additional study required before retesting and the measurement to be used for the retest. Students not showing effort to remediate or complete additional assignments before retesting may not be allowed the opportunity to reassess.