

How Tests Grades Are Calculated

1. Consider the points that can be EARNED on the test.

This test had 48 points available

2. Locate the number of points missed on the test.

Every test will have the total number of points missed in the upper left hand corner on the FIRST page.

3. The Use of a Curve. Every test will have more points available than considered for the actual grade.

This test had 3 extra points built into it.

4. The Actual Calculation . . .

Example: Consider a student that missed 15 points.

i. Take the points available after the curve $(48 - 3) =$

45

ii. Subtract the points missed (upper left first page) $-$

10 pts missed

35

iii. Add the extra points back on

$+$ 3 extra (curve)

38 points earned

iv. Then divide by the actual test points

(available pts $-$ extra pts)

$38 / 45 \approx .844$

$(48 - 3) = 45$ points

iv. Use the percent to EQUATE the test into 125 pts

(Take percent \times 125 points)

$.844 (125) = 105.6$

*Tests are recorded out of 125 pts unless otherwise stated