

# THS Credit Retrieval



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## **Welcome to Edmentum Learning Lab!**

Edmentum is a fantastic opportunity to retrieve credit, for courses previously failed, in a hybrid format that combines online instruction and computer-scored assessments. Students enrolled in Edmentum classes will be able to log on and complete quizzes and tests with an advisor who can guide them through the class.

## **Learning Objectives**

Students will:

- Set weekly goals for each class
- Set monthly individual goals
- Focus on work completion
- Work on credit retrieval options
- Learn basic communication and relational skills

## **Here are some things you can do to be successful:**

- Be on time for class every day.
- Be ready to be actively engaged in working on your current credit retrieval class.

## **Individual Focus**

In an Edmentum classroom, you take the courses you need at the pace you need. Due dates are determined by the number of courses, the time remaining, and by reasonable expectations of consistent effort.

## **Global Access**

Log in at school, at home, or anywhere you can access the Internet, using the website <http://www.Edmentumvs.com> with the username and password given to you by your Edmentum instructor at the beginning of class.

## **Mastery-Based Learning**

In Edmentum, you move at your own pace by showing mastery of the material. As you begin a unit, you take a pretest in an attempt to “test out” by earning a minimum of **80% overall**. (For “Prescriptive” courses, you must attempt the pretest before the unit will open.) Pretests are **taken at the beginning of the unit**. There is no penalty for failing a pretest. It will simply help you understand what you need to learn.

Once you begin working on the unit, you must pass every quiz or test with at least 70% before moving on. **You get three chances to pass each quiz or test, and one to pass a pretest. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> failed quiz or test, you must contact your advisor to reset the quiz or pass you through.** In certain cases, after multiple resets of a Unit Test, you may be offered an alternative, teacher-scored written test upon completion of all relevant study guides.

### **Edmentum Grading**

Each Edmentum course is given a letter grade on the standard 100-point scale, with a minimum of 80% considered passing. **The “Quality of Work” score is used to calculate the grade, but your grade is based on the “Overall Percentage”.** Most quizzes and tests are computer-scored. Any teacher-scored assignments that are not finished are given a score of zero. At the completion of the course, all scores are aggregated, including zeroes. **If the final exam score is at least a 80%,** and if all scores averaged (represented by the “Quality of Work” score) equal a 80% or higher, you pass the course. An average below 70 requires completion of missing assignments until a 80% Quality of Work score is reached.

### **THS Class grading**

#### **Participation and work habits: 30%**

Student attendance will be tracked weekly. It is an expectation that students will be on task during the class period and make progress toward mastery-based credit. This is an incredible opportunity to see success, just as for the support that you need.

#### **Weekly goal setting: 20%**

Students will complete weekly goal-setting sheets to track their progress and help organize their on-line and in-class progress.

#### **Edmentum progress: 50%**

Students will make progress towards passing at least .5 credits Edmentum class per semester. Your progress will be tracked weekly. Students are expected to complete work out of class to be successful in this course. If you have difficulty with internet access please let me know and I can work with the district to make that possible.

#### **Testing Out: the Details (PreTest)**

With a 80% overall score, you are able to skip the unit and move on to the next. The pretest score becomes your average grade on each assignment for the tested-out unit. Make sure the teacher knows your score; only “prescriptive” classes perform this function automatically. If your score is less than an 80% overall, sections with an 80% or higher are excused.

#### **Classroom Behavior**

With minor exceptions, all standard classroom procedures apply. You must be on time to class, avoid distractions, and work quietly so others may do the same.

#### **Maintaining Progress**

You’re required to finish at least a semester's worth of work by the end of the program in which you’re currently enrolled. You’re expected to work on your assignments while in class and will

need to make reasonable daily progress toward course completion. All Edmentum activity (logging in/out; time spent working; quizzes, etc.) is being monitored by Edmentum instructors. To remain in this class, **you must be on schedule and maintain satisfactory progress**, defined below.

**a. On Schedule:** You must complete assignments by the computer-generated due dates; you must not fall below 80% in the "On Schedule" category, found in the student progress report. Logging in five days per week, 40 minutes per day, and the equivalent of 30-40 hours per course is expected.

**b. Satisfactory Progress:** remaining above the 80% mark in the "Quality of Work" at all times.

**Edmentum seats are limited in the Tumwater School District, so you may be withdrawn from Edmentum if the above conditions are not met.**

### **Academic Integrity**

**Cheating on a quiz or pretest is equivalent to cheating on a test.** Edmentum provides you with a unique opportunity to quickly recover high school credit, placing a high degree of trust in the fact that you are doing your own work. Thus, to maintain the program's integrity, cheating in Edmentum is unacceptable. Plagiarism, copying answers, using illegitimate notes (i.e. computer-generated, copy-and-pasted notes or "key terms" lists), using the Internet to answer quiz or test questions, **or any other form of cheating** will be grounds for disciplinary action and academic consequences. For instance, instead of completing a multiple-choice test at the end of the unit, a student who cheated will be required to take a written, analytical/essay-based test. Furthermore, a student who cheats will have future quizzes locked, thus being unable to work on Edmentum off-site. **DO NOT TAKE SHORTCUTS.** A second or major offense is grounds for dismissal with no credit.

### **Edmentum Credit Policies**

1. Each course will be equivalent to a semester—one half (.5) credit for credit retrieval.
2. You may also earn .5 elective credit each semester that you consistently attend and participate in the Edmentum Lab. The grade for the elective credit is Pass/Fail and is based on attendance, progress in your online class, and goal-setting/tracking activities.

### **Teacher Availability**

Your instructor has several responsibilities: keeping you on task and on track, helping you with curricular questions, unlocking or resetting assessments, and grading written assignments. Only Edmentum instructors can unlock or reset quizzes and exams.

### **Materials**

- o Chromebook (CHARGED and ready to go)
- o Pens, pencils, erasers, paper for notes
- o Headphones (if necessary)
- o Calculator (if necessary)