

## The Power of Zeros

If you get zeros on assignments, your grade is reduced drastically. If you hand everything in, even if some assignments are not done well, you have a much better chance to get a passing grade in the class. Look at the 10 scores below and see the different in grades at the end.

The student below, on left, did not score that well on several assignments and did not hand in two assignments so she got zeros on them and she earned an F.

If she had turned in the two assignments with partial points, she earns a D which is worth 5 credits (just like an A, B or C). An F earns zero credits. High schools count credit to determine if a diploma is earned.

This student has two zeros

7/10  
2/5  
20/30  
5/5  
6/10  
30/50  
7/10  
**0/10**  
**0/6**  
3/5  
80/141  
56.7%  
F

This student had no zeros

7/10  
2/5  
20/30  
5/5  
6/10  
30/50  
7/10  
**6/10**  
**4/6**  
3/5  
90/141  
63.8%  
D

This student maximized “gimmie” points, checked his handouts for errors.

8/10  
5/5  
20/30  
5/5  
8/10  
30/50  
8/10  
**8/10**  
**6/6**  
5/5  
98/141  
70% = C

No zeros, got “gimmies”, caught handout errors, spent 20-30 minutes a night for two or three nights Reviewing his work to prepare for tests.

8/10  
5/5  
25/30  
5/5  
8/10  
44/50  
8/10  
**8/10**  
**6/6**  
5/5  
122/141  
87% = B