



Westlake High School TMU's (Thunder Mastery Units) 2011-12

PURPOSE

The purpose of TMU's is for students to show mastery on complete units of concepts he/she is learning in class which may include assignments, projects, quizzes, participation and assessments. Students must "Master" the concepts or Unit before they can "pass" a class. The TMU allows them to revisit those concepts they may have a problem with until they reach mastery.

GUIDELINES

TMU's are intertwined with a sliding scale, which will look at each unit as a Thunder Mastery Unit. Students must have at least 60% of homework complete and turned in BEFORE they can take the assessment. If they only have 60% of homework turned in, they would have to score 100% of the assessment to hit the 80% mastery mark or vice-versa. If one side is low, they have to do better or more homework on the other side. Together the engagement such as participation, homework, classroom work, etc., and the assessment such as test, performance, finished products, student presentations, etc., would be considered the TMU as a whole. The letter grade in the class would be given from the engagement side as soon as the whole TMU reaches 80% (using the sliding scale) otherwise it would be an "I". The grade would remain an "I" until the student would complete everything to get him/her ready to take the assessment again. This could repeat itself until the assessment is passed and the letter grade is given. If the student ends a term with an "I" in any given class, the best they can get is credit, which is as low as a D-. If it's a semester class or the school year is over, the student can no longer make up the "I", it will turn to an F. Credit recovery through Eastshore, EHS, etc, would be the only way for a student to earn the full credit for the class they did not pass. Teachers can use his/her discretion if there are extenuating circumstances for the student to have not passed the class.



Westlake High School Lux et Virtus "Light and Excellence"

Vision Statement: Westlake High School will be an academy for the fostering of knowledge and skill mastery guided by creative thought.

Desired Results for Student Learning: A Graduate of Westlake High School will be: Filled with knowledge, ingrained with skill, and infused with creativity.

Belief Statements: The Westlake Community believes that: Our students will become leaders and model citizens in our democracy. Our students will be prepared to excel at future educational and life opportunities. Our students and staff will be skilled and inspired by innovative thought and creative solutions.

2011-12 Motto "Lighting Our Way To Excellence"