

PURPOSE: To relieve stress on students regarding tests and quizzes.

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SECTION ONE (REASONING):

Quizzes are meant to test your knowledge and help you prepare for your next test. It can be extremely stressful to complete a quiz and then turn around and have a test on the same material. Handing back graded quizzes before issuing a test could allow them to approach each assessment with greater focus and confidence, absorb the material more effectively, and engage in deeper understanding rather than being clueless on their weaknesses. Moreover, with more information on their shortcomings, students would have the opportunity to clarify misunderstandings and reinforce key concepts.

SECTION TWO (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

On page 48 of the Student Handbook (PDF page 54) under the section “Academic Program” the following would be after “Homework”:

HOMEWORK

Homework is necessary to reinforce the topics covered in class. Students are expected to finish any assigned homework before its due date. To ensure that plans are not unfairly disturbed, homework assigned after 6:00 p.m. will not be due the next day for classes in the normal academic schedule.

QUIZZES AND TESTS

Quizzes are necessary checkpoints during a unit to let students acknowledge their weaknesses. Tests are necessary to determine your knowledge of topics discussed over a unit or set period. Students are expected to prepare appropriately for any materials. To allow optimal preparation, all quizzes must be graded and handed back before a test is issued to a class section.

SECTION THREE (RESPONSES):

“I experienced this last year. I had a test right after the quiz. I wasn’t able to use my quiz as study material and learn from my mistakes.” - Anya Klein

“I had a test the day after my quiz, which made me anxious. I think this bill will help with my test anxiety.” - Anonymous

“I support this bill.” - Emma Bernard

“I also experienced this and I was not okay. I did not know what I needed to improve on.” -
Anonymous

“I think that without students having graded quizzes returned before tests they cannot get a sense of their understanding of the information presented for the unit so they cannot prepare as well.” -
Cassandra Van Riessen