

IS A DEADLINE REALLY A DEADLINE?

YES!!! YES!!! YES!!! YES!!! YES!!! YES!!!

As a high school student, you are often given opportunities to make up missing assignments as long as the work is turned in by the end of the grading period. As a COLLEGE STUDENT, you will not be given this type of opportunity. One of the goals of Elite Learning is to teach high school students how to become traditional college students in the future. That means you will be treated as if you were attending class on the community college campus while you are an Elite Learning student.



What does that mean to you? It means that a deadline is really a deadline. If an instructor posts that an assignment is due by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday then it won't be accepted at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

How do you know when an assignment is due? Teachers will use a variety of methods to post assignment due dates. You may see that information on your course calendar, in the directions of every assignment, in your syllabus, etc. In many cases, you will see the deadlines in several places. In the unlikely event that you aren't able to find the deadlines, you should contact your instructor as soon as possible for clarification.

What can you do to prevent a problem? Time management is critical! Don't wait until the last minute to begin an assignment. If you know a test must be completed at midnight, don't wait until 11:30 p.m. to begin the test. If you know you are going on a school trip, plan accordingly by completing your assignments BEFORE your trip. If you know Homecoming week is going to be very busy then you should get all of your work finished the week before. There's no penalty for turning in an assignment EARLY!!!

What should you expect if you don't turn assignments in on time? That's simple. You will receive a zero on the assignment. Don't let that happen!

Is it ever acceptable to miss an assignment deadline? There may be situations that occur that are out of your control. Examples include a family death or an unexpected illness in which you miss multiple days of school. Technical issues may or may not be an acceptable excuse. For example: if you tell your teacher that your computer crashes and you lost your entire paper...well...that's not an excuse that will be accepted. You should always save your files to a disk or thumb drive. Technical issues will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

What if I have a legitimate excuse for missing a deadline? Your guidance counselor or facilitator must contact your teacher to discuss the reason for a missed assignment. Your teacher will make a decision after they are contacted by your school.