COURSE ASSESSMENT – What is graded

Students' mastery of course learning outcomes will be assessed using the following methods:

Student-Teacher meeting (3%)
As your teacher, it is important to me that I get to know you as a student. Your past experiences with mathematics, current perceptions of your abilities, and your familiarity of the on-campus resources available to you can impact your performance in this course. Therefore, you will be invited for a short student-teacher meeting during the semester so that I can discuss with you these aspects of your learning, and so I can address any concerns or questions you may have.
**I will email you during the semester to schedule our meeting. No-shows will receive a 15 point grade penalty.

Class Participation (12%)
The classroom is where you'll strengthen your learning and clear up any misconceptions you may encounter outside of class. Although you will be working hard outside of class learning the content and practicing the material, class participation assignments will be given during class so you can make connections with the material and enhance your problem solving skills. For class participation assignments, you'll be working either independently or with others to develop an approach and find solutions to given problems. I will guide you during this process, and you will be graded on your <u>effort</u> to understand the material.
*Your lowest 2 class participation assignments will be dropped when calculating final course grades.
*You must be in attendance during the class participation assignment to receive credit. These cannot be taken at a later or earlier time.

Homework (10%)
Practicing outside of class is crucial to your learning. It is how you retain the information and connect with the content so you can learn. You will be given homework throughout the semester to improve your mathematical performance and mathematical retention.
*Homework can be submitted late for a 10 point deduction. All homework assignments must be submitted by April 27.

Exams (50%)
This class requires you to learn and retain core algebraic concepts. Much of this content is procedural, so practicing is necessary to retain the information. You'll be given a lot of resources to aid in your learning of the core concepts, and I am here to help you make connections with the steps in each problem.

You will be given **5** in-class exams during the semester.
- If you miss an exam, you may ask for an extension. If granted, the exam grade will incur an **automatic 10-20 point deduction.**
  - *To take an exam late, you must email me at ccarmack@westga.edu to explain your absence. You must schedule the retake exam within 5 days of the in-class exam.

**Your Final Exam grade will replace your lowest exam grade, if higher.

Final Exam (25%)
Your performance on the final exam will demonstrate your retention skills of the core concepts of College Algebra. It is important that you practice your retention skills during the semester so that you can perform well on the final exam.