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How to Do Test and Quiz Corrections

I believe in giving everyone a second chance to learn the material we cover. That's why I offer you the opportunity to do test and quiz corrections. **It is impossible to lose points by attempting corrections!**

Math 7: You may correct all quizzes. You may correct tests if you earned less than 75%, but your grade will not go higher than 75%.

Math 7A: You may correct all quizzes during term 1 and 2 only. You may not correct tests.

- **Explain in detail step by step how to do the problem correctly.**
- It is not sufficient to explain what you did wrong. You must show me you know how to do the problem correctly and that you understand the concept. Pretend you are explaining it to another student.
- Your job is to convince me that you can do any problem just like the one you got wrong on the test or quiz.
- **Never, ever write on the original test or quiz after it has been graded.**
- **Quiz and test corrections must be done on a separate piece of paper and stapled behind the original test or quiz.**
- Corrections must be handed in the day they are due. No late corrections will be accepted.
- You may not do corrections for extra credit problems. They are a one shot deal!
- Write clearly and keep your paper neat. I'm more likely to award points if I can read what you've written!
- Remember that to recover lost points, the corrections must be done well and be convincing!
- You can't lose points, so it's in your best interest to always attempt corrections.
- Corrections will almost always be due two school days after the quiz or test is handed back. This gives you plenty of time to come see me and get help.

Now for an example. Let's say you took a test on order of operations and the following problem appeared:

$$4 - 7 + 8 \div 4 \times 2^2$$

Suppose on the test you got the problem incorrect and would like to make corrections. Here is an idea of what you should write to earn back points:

The correct order of operations is parentheses, exponents, multiplication and division from left to right, addition and subtraction from left to right.	
$4 - 7 + 8 \div 4 \times 2^2$	There are no parentheses in this problem, so I begin with the exponent.
$4 - 7 + 8 \div 4 \times 4$	The next step is to do multiplication and division from left to right. Since $8 \div 4$ is further left, that comes first.
$4 - 7 + 2 \times 4$	Now do the multiplication.
$4 - 7 + 8$	Next comes addition and subtraction from left to right. Since the subtraction is further left, that's what I need to do next.
$-3 + 8$	Last step: the addition.
5	My final answer.

This correction explains in detail one correct procedure to solve this problem. This way I have no doubt that you know how to do the problem or another one like it.

Yes, this is a lot of writing! That's what I want to see on corrections. You need to prove to anyone who reads your corrections that you fully understand the problem now.

Note: If you made a simple arithmetic error such as saying that $2 + 3 = 6$, you may simply state something like "I made an arithmetic error. Obviously $2 + 3$ is 5, not 6!"