

MATH 8

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Welcome to Math 8! I am so excited to have the opportunity to meet everyone. I look forward to our class being a safe place for you to be able to share your ideas collaboratively. The following guidelines include important information and expectations that will help our class be a safe, productive, and fun place to learn.

Q: What should I expect this year?

A: This year you will be exploring different mathematical concepts and seeing how math can connect to your “real life.” You should also expect our classroom to be an engaging place to learn! You will be able to discover mathematics both individually and through class discussions.

Q: What do you expect of me?

A: I expect that you will do everything that you can to make sure you understand the material. This means being focused and an active participant in class, being open and willing to ask questions, doing your homework, and keeping cell phones silent and out of sight. Here are some further guidelines to help make this happen!

- When the bell rings to signal the start of class:
 - You should be in your seats with the homework out on your desk and working on the “Warm Up” problems for the day.
 - You should ***be prepared*** with your chrome book charged, pencils, a binder, and a calculator ***every*** day.
- During the lesson:
 - Activities will change often, so make sure you ***follow directions*** so you have a productive class.
 - You should be working on the problems individually or sharing your ideas with the class.
 - If you ever have any questions please do not hesitate to ***take a risk*** and raise your hand. We all learn from each other’s questions!
 - Above all, ***be respectful*** of your classmates and me. One person talking at a time.
- After the lesson:
 - There will be ***homework assigned daily*** to help reinforce the concepts learned during that day’s lesson or material will be assigned to set-up the next lesson.
 - Check your google classroom’s “Classwork” tab as that is where all assignments will be posted.
- Always: Bring a ***positive attitude!*** Be open to new ideas and ways of thinking to help your learning!

Q: What should I bring to class?

A: Here is a list of school supplies for math class:

- Chromebook (once the school issues them)
- A spiral notebook or a 3 ring binder with loose-leaf
- Dual pocket folder
- Pencils and erasers, pencil sharpener, Pens (blue/black ink)
- Student Planner (provided by the school)
- Calculator TI-30XIIS
- At least 2 highlighters
- A good attitude!



Q: How will I be graded? (open grade-book for parents and students)

A: Here is the grading policy that is followed by all 8th grade math classes.

80% Assessments

- Tests and quizzes. (Tests will count twice and quizzes will count once). Online assessments may be given and will carry the same weight as a quiz. Review problems will be available before each test.

10% Homework

- *Homework will be assigned daily* to help reinforce the concepts learned in class.
- Each problem must include *all work and explanation* in order to receive full credit.
- Answers only will not be accepted!

10% Engagement and Participation

- Please see the district’s rubric for engagement and participation in class as well as online.

Q: What should I do when I’m absent?

A: Check your Google classroom. All class notes and assignments are posted daily.

- You can *call your Math Buddy* so that he/she can give you a summary of what we learned in class that day and so he/she can tell you the homework.
- You will also have access to the *online textbook*.
- It is *your responsibility* to show me your completed homework assignment after you are absent to receive full credit.

Q: What resources are available online?

- Google Classroom
- Your textbook is available online
- Practice worksheets
- Self-check quizzes
- Online tutorials

Q: What can I do if I need help?

A: Every student has been assigned to a “S.T.E.M.” class on their non-school day. Please use this time to work on and finish-up any classwork or homework. That teacher will be able to assist you with any work you may need help with so please feel free to ask questions and be an active participant in that class. Of course, you can always ask me questions in each Google Classroom assignment.

I am looking forward to a great school year!



Parent/guardian signature

Student signature