

Math 7

Syllabus

Welcome to seventh grade math class. We are going to have an *exciting* year together as we take a close look at some different branches of mathematics: statistics & probability; geometry; operations with fractions and decimals; and algebra. I am looking forward to teaching and learning right alongside you. Please put forth your best effort and *participate actively* in this course. I guarantee you will get a lot out of it and have a good time if you do!

Guidelines for Classroom Conduct:

- ✓ Enter the room with a quiet voice, prepared, and be in your seat by the time the bell rings.
- ✓ Raise your hand if you have something to share.
- ✓ Listen attentively when someone is speaking.
- ✓ Request permission to leave the room for any reason, and take a hall pass when you leave.
- ✓ Do not bring food, candy, gum, or beverages into the room; bottled water is the exception.
- ✓ Show utmost respect for your classmates...this is a learning community.

Consequences for poor choices:

- Verbal warning
- Detention
- Parent conference
- Referral to office

Tardies: Being late for class is unacceptable. You will have 5 minutes between classes to get a drink, use the restroom if necessary, and get materials for your next class from your locker. You must be **in your seat** when the bell rings (refer to your time schedule) or you will be marked tardy. Refer to the school handbook for the tardy-detention policy.

Homework Policy: You should expect homework 3 evenings each week. Sometimes work will come from the textbook; other times it will be a worksheet. Work is due at the beginning of class the day after it is assigned. **NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.** I will give you one "mulligan" per quarter. That is, you may fail to turn in one homework assignment without penalty. Your homework will be posted on yourhomework.com each afternoon.

Absences: If you are absent from school, you will have one day for every day you were gone to make up the work. It is *your* responsibility to see me for your make-up work and turn it in on time. Please communicate with me if you foresee an extended absence.

Cell Phones: I think it's a great that many of you have cellular phones. It really helps in reducing the number of phone calls made from the teacher's rooms and the office. Keep them safe—on your body at all times or locked up; they are *YOUR* responsibility. My only rule is that they be turned off during class.

Books: You will be issued a school textbook during the first week of school. It is your responsibility to keep track of this until June. It needs to be covered with a paper bag (or some other sort of protective covering). I hope by this time you know better than to write in a textbook. When you start purchasing your own books later in your education, feel free to write in them. For now, refrain; they belong to Naples American Junior/High School.

Pens: Work done in pen will be thrown away. I am **not** grading homework OR classwork done in pen. (You may use pen to take notes if you choose.) Always have pencils with you in math class and available at home to do your homework. The only time you will use pen is when we are checking homework in class. Homework must be checked using a pen. I prefer you carry a *red* pen with you for this purpose.

What you need for math at *home*:

- Pencils & Erasers
- Calculator
- Protractor, Ruler, Compass
- Textbook (if the assignment comes from the book)

What you need for math at school:

- ✓ Spiral-bound notebook
- ✓ Student planner
- ✓ Textbook
- ✓ 2-pocket folder
- ✓ Pencils & Erasers
- ✓ Colored pen, preferably red

I recommend you bring a small kit of tools with you to class including: compass, protractor, ruler, colored pencils, calculator.

Grading Scale:

100-97	A+
96-93	A
92-90	A-
89-87	B+
86-83	B
82-80	B-
79-77	C+
76-73	C
72-70	C-
69-67	D+
66-63	D
62-60	D-
59-0	F

Grading Breakdown:

Homework	30%
Participation/Notebook Check	20%
Classwork	50%

The **homework** problems assigned will be based on that day's lesson. I find that there is a direct correlation between homework completion and text/quiz grades. It is the single best preparation for these more heavily weighted scores. Please do it every night! Parents, feel free to help your child if they are struggling with their nightly homework. The important thing

is that they be able to do problems independently by the time the quiz or test rolls around!

Your **participation** grade will be based on two things: **1)** your willingness to take part in class activities & discussions, and **2)** a weekly notebook check. I require that you bring a bound notebook with you to class each day. You need to use this to take notes during math lectures and work out problems we do together in class.

Classwork includes tests, quizzes, problem-solving sessions, projects, and any other activities we do *during class*.

Parents, if you have any questions please contact me at the school, at 629-4499. I am looking forward to a great year with your child! Please sign this and return the bottom portion to me. Encourage your student to keep the syllabus handy for future reference.

Parent Signature_____

Student Signature_____

Date_____