

Math 8

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Course Expectations

- 1) **Respect Everyone!**
- 2) Have a positive attitude.
- 3) Strive to do the best work you can possibly do.
- 4) Come to class on time and be prepared.
- 5) Come to me with any questions or concerns as soon as they arise!
- 6) Keep your parents informed on what is going on during the school year.

Your Grade

Your grade will consist of the following:

- 30% Tests/Projects
- 25% Homework
- 20% Quizzes
- 15% Journals
- 10% Preparation/Participation

Any grade you receive in this class will be dependent upon you! Paying attention during class and keeping up with the homework are by far the two most important aspects in your overall grade. If you have any questions on any material you need to see me as soon as possible.

- a) Tests/Projects: A test or project grade will be given at the end of each unit for assessment. Students will be given 2 or 3 days notice prior to **ALL** tests or projects. (A **state exam** will be given on May 6th and 7th)
- b) Homework: Homework will be given nearly **every day**. Students will be given a homework packet prior to most units that they will be responsible for completing throughout the unit. All but one day a week I will just check the homework. You will be given a 100%, 50% or 0%. In order to get 100% **you must attempt every problem** with a strong effort. Approximately once a week I will randomly collect the homework and grade it. A graded assignment will be worth 200 points as compared to a regular assignment worth 100 points. Students are allowed one incomplete assignment per 10 weeks. If a second assignment is incomplete they will be **required** to stay 9th period for homework detention.

c) Quizzes: Quizzes will be given throughout a unit. **Most quizzes** will be announced.

d) Journals: Throughout the course of the year students will be asked to keep a math journal. They will take approximately 5 minutes at the end of class each day to write in their journal. Journals will be randomly graded every week or two.

e) Preparation/Participation: Students are asked to come to class with their binders, pen and pencil, calculator and any other materials that may be needed. Participation will be based upon your attitude and work habits during class.

Classroom Rules

- 1) Follow the rules in the student handbook and discipline code.
- 2) Everyone will be treated with respect.
- 3) When the bell rings to begin each class you begin work immediately. Have your materials out and ready, and begin any task that may be assigned.
- 4) Every individual is responsible for the entire class's learning. Do not disrupt the learning process by inappropriate talking or actions.

The discipline code will be followed if any of the above rules are broken.

Materials Needed for Each Class

- 1) 3-Ring Binder
- 2) Marble Composition Notebook
- 3) Pen **AND** Pencil. It would be a good idea to have a second color pen or highlighter available.
- 4) **Calculator** – it is recommended that a nice scientific calculator be purchased because they will be required to have on during their high school math years.

Let's make sure we work hard and make this a successful year for everybody!

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I would like to welcome you to the 2002/2003 school year. We have a variety of new challenges ahead of us this upcoming year. I ask that you continue to emphasize the importance of your student's schoolwork throughout the course of the year. I also ask that you review the attached handout with your student and then fill out the information below. Students need to return this sheet to Mr. Macomber by September 9th. If you have any questions regarding anything this year please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or e-mail. I look forward to working with your student throughout the year.

1) What do you think your student needs to improve upon in order to be successful in mathematics this year? (Example: paying attention, homework, coming in for extra help, test scores, organization, etc...)

2) Are there any other special things I should know about your student or your family? For example, certain days your student can not stay after school. If you would like to talk to me directly about this, please leave me your phone number and the best time to contact you.

I reviewed this handout with my student on (date) _____.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Please write any additional questions or comments on the back!

