

Welcome to 8th Grade Math!

Required Materials:

Math section within the required 4 inch binder
Three dividers (specifically for math)
One notebook (composition or spiral)
Loose leaf lined paper
Pencils with erasers
Colored pens (not black)
Highlighters

Suggested Materials:

Stylus
Ruler/straightedge
Scientific calculator

Resource:

We will be using the district adopted resource, Carnegie Learning. Students will receive a consumable workbook where they will be expected to take notes and complete homework in their workbook. The online component, MATHia, will be used once a week at school and can also be accessed from home for additional practice. Students will be graded on MATHia completion once a quarter.

Homework:

- Expect homework five days per week that will take about 30 focused minutes to complete
- If you do not understand a problem or assignment, look through your notes and **attempt it**
- On your homework, please show **all** of your work and **all** of the steps we write down in our notes
- ***No work = no credit***
- All homework should be completed in pencil; pen is not acceptable (distance learning homework will be submitted through an online program called Kami)
- Homework will be graded in class daily
- **Late work is not accepted**, except due to excused absences

Grading Scale:

80% = Assessments (tests, quizzes, MATHia)

20% = Practice (homework, classwork)

A = 90-100%

B = 80-89%

C = 70-79%

D = 60-69%

F = 0-59%

Posting of Student Grades:

Grades will be updated regularly and can be viewed in StudentVue and ParentVue. Please check your grades there on a regular basis.

Test Retakes:

During distance learning, test retakes will not be offered due to students having the opportunity to use all class resources during assessments. If/when we transition back to in-person learning we will reassess and provide students information regarding test retakes.

How do I raise my grade?

- Take notes, do your homework, ask questions during class
- Schedule tutoring if needed
- There is no extra credit in this course, so do your best on every assignment
- **Please seek help before assessments**

Absence Policy:

- When you are absent, **it is your responsibility to obtain the information and assignments you missed.** For each day absent, the student has one excused day to complete assignments for full credit.
- Check the agenda online or Google Classroom for missed assignments. It is your responsibility to copy missed notes and schedule a time for assessments.

Distance Learning Procedures:

- Use class **Zoom link** to access our math class during assigned class period
- Remain engaged by taking notes and asking questions when necessary (this can be done by unmuting yourself or through our chat in Zoom)
- **Submit assignments through Google Classroom** on time to receive credit.

As a result of COVID-19, we will be practicing healthy habits and social distancing, therefore if/when we return back to school, we will be following the procedures below:

In-Person Procedures:

At the beginning of class:

- Sit down quietly in your assigned seat
- Take out your binder, completed homework, and any other materials needed that day
- **No bathroom breaks for the first 10 minutes of class unless it is an emergency**

During class:

- Raise your hand to get out of your seat to sharpen pencil, gather materials, throw trash away, etc.
- Bathroom – if you have to go, raise your hand (do not disturb a lesson). Whenever possible, go to the restroom before or after class.
- If you are not feeling well, please let Mrs. Volkman know as soon as possible. In addition, **if you are not feeling well prior to class, please do not come to school.** We will arrange make-up work in these instances.
- No food, drinks (except water), or gum during class

At the end of class:

- Pack up your belongings only after you have been asked to do so
- Clean the area around your desk before you leave
- **Remain in your seat**
- **No bathroom breaks for the last 10 minutes of class unless it is an emergency**

Communication:

- If you have any questions or concerns that have not been addressed here, please contact me by email or phone. Please get in touch during the school year if you need anything.

Extra Help:

- I am available for tutoring by appointment only.

Parent and Student Agreement

Please sign and return the form on the following page through Kami, indicating that you have read and understand Mrs. Volkman's math policies and expectations. Please return by Friday, August 21st.

Thank you!

Class Period (Please Circle):

1

2

3

4

7

Student name (printed)

Student Signature

Date

Parent name (printed)

Parent Signature

Date

Any additional information that would be important to share: