



8th Grade Honors Math

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Teaching Philosophy

*In my life experience, there are three things everyone wants: respect, love, and compassion. **Respect:** I give all of my students all of my respect from the first day to the last day. I believe that if I want you to respect me, I must model that by respecting you. **Love:** I love all of my students the same way I love my children. This means that I support you unconditionally, accept you for who you are, and will do what I can to see you successful and happy. **Compassion:** I believe that making mistakes is a vital part of learning in both academics and life. However, a person is not the mistakes they make and you will never learn compassion if it's not shown to you. I promise to treat you with the respect, love, and compassion that you deserve as human beings because I believe these things are necessary to engage in meaningful learning.*

Curriculum

Students will be engaged in the rigorous *enVisionMath 2.0* curriculum. The curriculum includes real numbers, linear equations, functions, bivariate data, systems of linear equations, congruence and similarity, the Pythagorean Theorem, as well as surface area and volume of three-dimensional figures.

How is Honors Math different?

Honors Math instruction is different from standard grade-level instruction in a few ways.

- Increased opportunities for exploring concepts in real-world situations.
- Increased opportunities for written expression of mathematical reasoning.
- Higher expectations for mastery.
- Higher expectations for personal accountability.
- Pathway to High School Honors Math.

Required Materials

1. One 1.5 inch ClearView Binder (Math Notes and Handouts)
 - a. If combining classes, consider a 2 inch binder
2. One box of colored pencils or fine tip markers
3. Highlighter, any color
4. Pencils or Pen (Blue or Black ink ONLY)
5. One black dry erase marker
6. Personal set of wired headphones

Classroom Rules

1. Arrive on time and prepared for class.
2. Raise your hand and wait to be recognized.
3. Cell phones off and in your backpack.
4. NO food. Water only.
5. Speak kindly to each other.

Consequences

1st Consequence: Verbal Warning and Conference with Teacher

2nd Consequence: 30 Minute After School Detention

3rd Consequence: 60 Minute After School Detention

4th Consequence: Office Referral

Grading

Letter grades are issued in accordance with district grading policies. I update my gradebook in PowerSchool weekly. Values for letter grades are as follows:

- A - 4 Exemplary
- B - 3 Proficiency
- C - 2 Progressing
- D - 1 Approaching
- F - 0 Does Not Meet Standard

Classwork

Classwork assignments are due 5 school days before the end of the quarter. I do not deduct late points from classwork assignments. Students cannot score below 90% on a classwork assignment. IF the student scores below 90%, they will have to redo the assignment.

Homework

Any classwork not completed in the provided class time becomes homework.

Tests

Tests are open book and students may use their workbook, math notes, and any handouts I have provided to them.

Redo and Retake

Students are required to redo any classwork assignment where they score below 90. If a student has to redo an assignment, they have until 5 days before the end of the quarter to submit it. For a test, students will be provided the opportunity to redo/retake for the highest score they can achieve within the testing window.

Classwork/Homework/Tests are NOT accepted after the cutoff date of 5 school days before the end of the quarter. NO exceptions.

Math Notes

Students are expected to keep a notebook with hand copied notes for each lesson. A template and example will be provided. Students are free to take notes in whatever

format they choose as long as all information from the example is included. It is important to keep these notes up to date because they can be used on classwork assignments, homework, and tests.

Academic Integrity

I have a zero tolerance policy for cheating. Any student caught cheating will redo the assignment at lunch, receive a call home to parents, a BL-2 (30m detention), and be assigned a 1-page essay on academic integrity. This also applies to anyone assisting someone in cheating.

Absences and Missed Assignments

If a student is absent, it is their responsibility to check their grade level folder (on campus) and/or Google Classroom for missed work. They must also copy any notes that were missed.

For Parents

Please visit the class website: www.mslagosdms.weebly.com. Take your time to explore the site. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Ms. Lagos. You can find various methods of contact on the first page of this syllabus and the homepage of the website. Thank you!



Sign below and return to Ms. Lagos as soon as possible.

- I have read and understand the requirements for this course.
- I will abide by class rules and purchase all necessary supplies.
- Download the AERIES app for communication.**

Student Signature

Parent Signature