

GEOMETRY

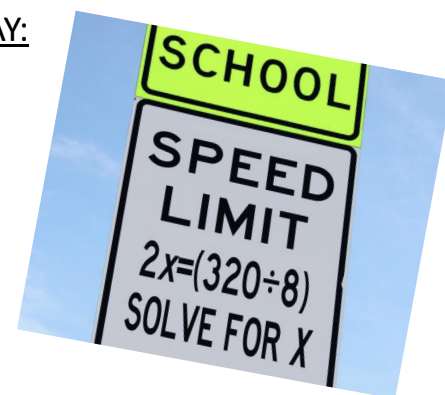
Course Description & Expectations

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Geometry will be a course where you explore how Math is used in every day life. Topics ranging from Geometry, Algebra, and real world application will be used.

You will need in class EVERY DAY:

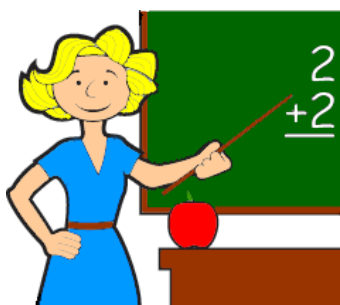
- ♦ Your Math Binder
- ♦ Loose-leaf paper
- ♦ 5 Divider Tabs
- ♦ Scientific Calculator
- ♦ Pencil and Handheld Pencil Sharpener
- ♦ Your Brain & Good Humor



Your textbook will be used on a daily basis for practice problems and for your review. Please bring your book to class every day.

What I Expect

- ♦ You will **be here** whenever you are not ill, and sometimes even when you are. If you are absent you will exhibit maturity and responsibility by seeing me about necessary makeup work.
- ♦ You will arrive **on time** every day with all your materials. Five tardies will result in an office referral.
- ♦ You will not abuse bathroom privileges.
- ♦ You will make a reasonable effort to **complete every homework problem**. Homework is unavoidable and is a vital part of your success in this class.
- ♦ You will follow the behavior rules and guidelines outlined in the handbook.
- ♦ You will **seek help** when you need it!
- ♦ You will **help** each other and you will **learn** from each other.



What You Can Expect

- ♦ I will **be here** on time every day unless I am genuinely ill.
- ♦ I will **challenge** you to think and use your brains. This course will not be easy!
- ♦ I will assign homework almost **every day** and check it too!
- ♦ I will **help you** to survive the course by answering questions and re-explaining when necessary.

Need Help?

- ♦ Please come and see me for extra help after school. On Wednesdays, I stay later than usual.
- ♦ Tutoring will not be available during break.
- ♦ The internet has some additional practice problems and resources.
- ♦ I am happy to hear from you AND your parents via email anytime!

YOUR GRADE



Activities – 40%

Assignments will include but are not limited to classwork, notebook checks, quizzes, small projects, group activities, and bell ringers. Short quizzes will be given frequently and without warning. Quizzes are my best measure of your day-to-day ability to “do the math” and are therefore an important part of your grade. Many of the quiz problems will come directly from the homework. Notebook checks will be conducted on a regular basis and are designed to hold you accountable for organization and homework corrections. Classwork and group activities are due at the end of each block. Late work will result in various point deductions from the score each day. You will be allowed to make up work prior to the end of the quarter if you have an excused absence. A bell ringer binder will be available to retrieve bell ringers from days you were absent.

Standard – Based Assessments – 60%

You can expect approximately six tests per quarter. These will be announced in advance and we will spend class time reviewing and preparing. In order to be successful you must **STUDY** and you must complete your homework.

The tests may be composed of multiple choice items, true-false items, matching, essay, and standard problems. Make-up tests for excused absences must be completed during your free time. You will have **3 days** after you return to make an appointment with me in order to accomplish this. **YOU ARE SOLELY & COMPLETELY RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ABSENCES!!!!**

Homework

Homework is essential to your mastery of algebraic concepts and it is therefore expected that you will thoroughly complete daily homework assignments. An effort grade will be given for homework completion. Full credit will be given if work is shown and ALL problems have been attempted and completed. Half credit will be given when problems and/or work is missing. **NO late homework will be accepted** unless due to an excused absence. It is your responsibility to check and correct your homework.

Off Limits

Food, Drinks, Profanity, Cell Phones, Cell Phone Charging, Head Phones, Laziness, Complaining, Sleeping, Tardies and Bad Attitudes!

CALCULATORS

Calculators are allowed in class for most purposes and allowed on the majority of tests and quizzes. We will spend time learning how to have the calculator work for us and will learn how to make decisions about when it is best to leave the calculator alone!

Therefore, it is essential that you have your own calculator for homework. You will have access to a school calculator when in class.

A regular scientific calculator is adequate for the work we do in algebra class, although a graphing calculator will certainly work for us too!

Cell phone calculators will NOT be allowed in class at any time.

