



Welcome to Math 8

Ms. Andrews



This class will give you the strong foundation that you will need in order to succeed in high school math. It will also help you to better use mathematics in your everyday life. It's my goal to make learning fun and maybe by the end of the school year you'll love math as much as I do! I'm looking forward to an exciting year of learning with you!

Supplies: I expect you to be prepared *every day* with the following:

- ✓ **A pencil with eraser** (because we ALL make mistakes!)
- ✓ **Texas Instruments Scientific Calculator Model TI-30X IIS**
- ✓ **One-inch binder** (or 1 ½ inch binder) with loose-leaf paper & graph paper
 - Please do **NOT** share this binder with any other subjects if possible.
 - You will keep classwork and homework together in the *same section* and in date order.
- ✓ **Loose leaf paper and graph paper** must be in your binder at all times.
- ✓ **4 folders to keep at home:** Each quarter you will empty your binder into one of these folders. This will help you to keep your notes organized and in a safe place.



Classroom Rules: The rules are simple (the 5 P's):

- ✓ Be **Punctual**.
- ✓ Be **Prepared** with your homework and the supplies listed above.
- ✓ Be **Polite**. Raise your hand if you want to speak and be a listener when your teacher or a classmate is talking.
- ✓ Be a **Participant**. Always give your best effort and don't be afraid to make mistakes!
- ✓ **Perform** the directions the *first* time they are given.

Classroom Procedures:

1. Take your seat as soon as you walk into the room.
2. Take out your homework from the night before.
3. Copy down your homework assignment.
4. Start the warm up activity right away.
5. Class ends when I dismiss you. Please wait for me to give the O.K. before you begin to pack up.

If you are absent:

- You are responsible for **ALL** notes, classwork and homework you missed that day.
- It's also a good idea to have the phone number of at least **two** classmates.
- You can also check **my website** to find out the topic that was taught, and dates of any upcoming quizzes or tests. It's updated by the end of each school day.
- **When you return**, make sure to *copy the notes you missed from a classmate* and *pick up any worksheets you missed from the bin*. It's also a good idea to attend extra help to get yourself caught up.
- ***If you miss a test, be prepared to take it on the day you return** or at the next available extra help session. If you were absent for more than just the day of the test, speak to me about a make-up date.

Extra Help: Don't wait until the last minute to get help! Each day we will build on the lesson from the day before. If you are having trouble, come to extra help *right away!* Extra help is offered on:

Tuesdays at 7:45AM and Thursdays at 3:14PM in room 124

Grading Policy:

Tests and Quizzes count as 85% of your grade.
Homework counts as 15% of your grade.

Test & Quiz Grade (85% of your grade): I use the percent proportion to determine this grade.

For example, determine this student's 1st quarter test and quiz average by using the percent proportion.

Exam	Points Earned	Points Possible
Quiz 1	38	45
Test 1	92	100
Quiz 2	41	50
Test 2	81	85
Quiz 3	54	55
Test 3	85	90
Test 4	72	75
Total:	463	500

$$\frac{\text{Total Points Earned}}{\text{Total Points Possible}} = \frac{\%}{100}$$

For example:

$$\frac{463}{500} = \frac{x}{100}$$

$$500x = 46300$$

$$x = 92.6$$

$$x \approx 93\%$$

Homework Grade (15% of your grade): Each homework assignment is worth 5 points. If you miss a homework assignment it can be made up the next day for partial credit (you will lose 3 points for lateness). *Homework will NOT be accepted any later than the day after it's due* (unless you were absent for more than one day). Homework will be **checked every day** and **might be collected randomly during the week**.

You will have homework just about every night. *In math the most important thing you can do is practice!*

Homework will be graded on EFFORT and COMPLETENESS.

➤ **To earn full credit it is important that you:**

- ✓ Try EVERY problem.
- ✓ Show ALL work for each problem.
- ✓ Show ALL attempts at problems you couldn't solve.
- ✓ DON'T leave any questions completely blank.

Parents/Guardians: I welcome your calls and messages. If there is anything you would like to discuss with me please call the main office at 644-4200 and I will return your call as quickly as possible. I look forward to working together to make this a wonderful and exciting year!

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I have read and understand the classroom rules and the responsibilities that I have as a student in this class. Please sign below. DO NOT tear it off.

Student's Name (print your name): _____

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____