

Geometry Syllabus and Expectations - 2018-2019

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Welcome to Geometry! I'm excited to have you in class, and look forward to learning with all of you.

For details on the topics we will cover, see the [Geometry Year Long Plan \(YLP\)](#) online.

The expectation for class is that you always come **prepared**, and do **your best**.

What is “Prepared?”

1. Always have paper to write on, a pencil that writes, and an eraser at the ready. Always! If you don't have one, ask for one to borrow.
2. Have a math notebook. We will take notes and work on practice problems in class, which will help you understand the material. Your notebook will contain the following:
 - a. **Class Notes** - Date, class objectives, homework assignment, notes from the board, any questions raised and examples with written explanations.
 - b. **Homework** - Show all work for homework problems. If you get stuck on a problem, write a note regarding your confusion and move on.
 - c. **Handouts, Quizzes & Tests** - Keep your papers together chronologically ordered as a study aid for future quizzes and tests, especially for the midterm and final exams.
3. Complete all assigned homework.
4. Have a non-internet connected calculator. If you don't have your own, you can borrow one.

What is “Your Best?”

1. Always be respectful to the class.
2. Try new things, and make mistakes. Mistakes are good, if you can find them and learn from them!
3. Your time is valuable, and there is none to waste. Arrive on time, set a good example for the class, stay on task and focused, and help your classmates do the same.
4. Distractions are disrespectful to everyone. Non-academic materials are distractions and should be kept away during class. Examples of distractions include:
 - a. **Food** – We will eat during our assigned lunch. You may not eat during class. You may drink water in the classroom.
 - b. **Cell phones and similar devices** - These are not permitted during class time.

Grading Policy

Each day you will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Your grades will be calculated on a “cumulative points” basis. Small homework assignments might only be worth 4 points, while a large test might be worth 100 points. This means that if we have 25 graded homework assignments in a quarter, the homework portion of your grade will be worth $25 \times 4 = 100$ points, the same as a large test.

Late Assignments:

Unexcused, late assignments lose 10% of their value per day.

Missed Class:

You are responsible for information and assignments.

Missed Quizzes and Tests:

It is your responsibility to schedule a make-up time. Ask me before or after class.

Cheating:

You will receive a zero for the assignment and your parent(s) will be notified.

Plagiarism (representing another person’s work as your own) is cheating.

Your final grades will be calculated based on the following formula:

Semester 1 grade = $((1\text{st qtr grade} + 2\text{nd qtr grade}) / 2) * 80\% + (\text{mid-year} * 20\%)$

Semester 2 grade = $((3\text{rd qtr grade} + 4\text{th qtr grade}) / 2) * 80\% + (\text{final} * 20\%)$

Course grade = $(1\text{st semester grade} + 2\text{nd semester grade}) / 2$

Extra Help

I am available most days by appointment, or you drop in and take your chances. You should come for extra help if the homework consistently takes longer than 30 minutes, if you have questions about an assignment, or if you fail a test. I’m usually in the math office after school until at least 2:50pm.

I have read and understand the expectations of Mr Metcalf’s Geometry class.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____