

Math 7

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Course Description

Math 7 is an opportunity for you to strengthen and increase your math skills. We will focus on operations on various sets of numbers including whole numbers, rational numbers (numbers that can be written as a fraction), and integers. You will develop a math tool kit and use it to solve problems.

Grades

Grades will be assigned based on points earned in the following categories: notes and class work, homework, and tests.

Notes and class work

Come to class each day prepared with a pencil and your math notebook. Each class period begins with a do-now usually consisting of five math questions. To earn a possible five points each day for a do-now, you must attempt all questions and correct your mistakes. In your notebook you need to take notes and complete daily practice problems. You must write down the important notes and copy at least one example problem each day. I will do periodic notebook checks.

Homework

Homework should be ready to be corrected at the beginning of class. All homework should show the steps used to arrive at the solution. **Use pencil** so that you can erase when you need to make a correction. Homework is due the next class day after it was assigned. As you correct your completed homework, I will walk around and stamp those papers that show sufficient effort and have work shown. Each homework assignment receives a score out of 10 points based on effort, organization, completeness and accuracy.

Late homework will be accepted for 5 points out of 10 if it is turned in before the test on that unit. You will be given 3 mercy cards at the beginning of each trimester. A late assignment with a mercy card stapled to it is still eligible for full points. You do not need to use a mercy card if you have an excused absence, but you will still need to hand in the homework you missed before the test on that unit.

Tests

Tests will be given at the completion of a unit. If you are absent the day of a test, you must take the test the day you return to school, unless two or more consecutive days have been missed. In this case, you must arrange a reasonable time with me to take the test. If you are caught cheating on a test you will receive a zero and your parents and the administration will be contacted.

Grading Scale

A	93% - 100%	C	73% - 76.99%
A-	90% - 92.99%	C-	70% - 72.99%
B+	87% - 89.99%	D+	67% - 69.99%
B	83% - 86.99%	D	63% - 66.99%
B-	80% - 82.99%	D-	60% - 62.99%
C+	77% - 79.99%	F	Below 60%

Materials

Have in class with you each day:

- ❖ a pencil or two
- ❖ a colored pen for correcting – blue is fine
- ❖ your math notebook
- ❖ a folder or binder to hold handouts, and returned work

Later in the year you will need:

- ❖ a scientific calculator

Class Rules

Follow Directions - Listen to instruction and strive to do what is asked of you

Be on Task - Be in your seat when the bell rings. Have your materials with you and be ready to work and learn. Use time wisely.

Show Respect for People and Property - Allow others to learn. Keep your hands and feet to yourself. Treat materials carefully.

One Person Talks at a Time - Listen to others. Wait for your turn to speak. Make it possible for everyone to hear instruction clearly.

Ask Questions - The only dumb question is the one that isn't asked. Raise your hand to ask a question.

If you break a rule you will first be reminded of the rule. The next time you break the rule in the same class period you will be given a warning slip on your desk. If you chose to break the rule a third time I will take the slip from you and record a loss of points in the notes and class work category for the day. If you still have the warning slip at the end of the period you may throw it out. A pattern of offenses will result in parent contact and referral to the administration.

Citizenship:

A separate citizenship grade will be given (H = Honors; S = Satisfactory; N = Needs Improvement; U = Unsatisfactory). The student handbook describes the benefits and ramifications of receiving the various citizenship grades.

Honors Citizenship

- ❖ Brings materials to class each day; comes prepared mentally and actively participates
- ❖ Assists others in their learning
- ❖ Avoids disruptive behavior; shows respect for class members, teachers, and school property at all times
- ❖ No unexcused absences, no tardies, and no recorded rule offenses

Satisfactory Citizenship

- ❖ Usually brings materials to class; participates in class
- ❖ Seldom disrupts class; Shows respect for class members, teachers, and school property
- ❖ 1-3 tardies, no unexcused absences, 0-1 recorded rule offense

Needs Improvement Citizenship

- ❖ Often comes to class without materials; seldom participates in class
- ❖ Behavior disrupts class; exhibits lack of self control, speaks out, is often rude to teachers or classmates
- ❖ 4-6 tardies, 1 unexcused absence, or 2 or more recorded rule offenses

Unsatisfactory Citizenship

- ❖ Seldom brings materials to class; consistently disrupts class
- ❖ Shows little interest in learning; shows lack of respect for classmates, teacher and/or school property
- ❖ 7 or more tardies, 2 or more unexcused absences, many recorded rule offenses
- ❖ Cheats on assignments and/or tests

Any Questions?

Question	Answer	Consequence
May I chew gum or eat candy or food in class?	No	Student cleans desks before or after school – may include scraping gum.
May I listen to my music during class?	No	Student puts iPod or other music device away; repeated offenses may result in confiscation of device and parent contact
May I text or use my phone during class?	No	Student puts phone away; repeated offenses may result in confiscation of phone and parent contact
May I hand in late assignments?	Yes, full credit is given with a mercy card if work is in before the test on that unit	
When I am absent, how long do I have to complete make up work?	Until the test on that unit – sooner is better.	
May I leave before the bell rings?	No	Student is marked truant
May I use the hall pass?	Yes, students will receive 3 hall passes per trimester	
May I get a drink or refill my water bottle?	Yes, use one hall pass	
May I use the restroom during class?	Yes, use one hall pass	
May I leave class when the bell rings?	Yes, if all class members have returned materials, books, and desks to their position	
May I line up at the door before the bell rings?	No	Student waits for all other students to leave first
May I throw objects at students and/or the trash can?	No	Student picks up all paper and other specified objects from the floor before leaving
May I write on the desk?	No	Student washes all the desks in the classroom before or after school
May I arrange to come in for extra help outside of class?	Yes, speak to me about a time to meet	

Unusual Circumstances

In the event that a student has problems beyond his/her control which are not covered by this statement, the teacher will meet with the student, and, if necessary, the student's parent/guardian in order to come to an equitable solution.

If you have questions or concerns about the expectations set forth in this disclosure or about your student's progress during the year please email me at laura.woodhouse@canyonsdistrict.org or call the school at 801-412-2550 and leave me a message. I look forward to a great year!

Ms. Woodhouse

Disclosure Statement for Ms. Woodhouse's Math 7 Class

I have read and understood the disclosure document and agree to abide by its contents.

Student Name Printed: _____ Period: _____

Student Signature: _____

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Parent/Guardian E-mail address: _____

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