



## Junior High Math Guidelines

### Mrs. Gries

- **Course Outline:** I use two math textbooks
  1. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Glencoe Course 3
  2. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Glencoe Algebra I
- **Supplies:** Students are **REQUIRED** to bring the following to class on a daily basis: **textbook, workbook, organized binder, paper (can be notebook or loose-leaf), pencil with eraser, red checking pen, dry erase marker, highlighter, assignment notebook, and scientific calculator.** We do not necessarily use calculators every day; however, due to classroom calculators being lost or broken, it is better if each child has his/her own. Scientific calculators are recommended on the supply list because of their ability to hold information and use the order of operations and various higher level functions.
- **Homework:** An assignment is given daily and usually there is time in class to either get started or to complete the given assignment. I will assign homework from the textbook, the student skills workbook, or supplemental worksheets. If the odds are assigned from the textbook, I encourage the students to check the answers in the back of the textbook for accuracy in completing the problems. The student should then complete the workbook assignments with confidence. Each homework assignment is worth 3 points. If the student was present in class but fails to complete the assignment they will receive a 0. Refer to assignment checking procedures page for other details. There will be homework quizzes given during the week. These will be worth approximately 5 to 10 points. I will choose some problems from the homework assignments and the student will copy down the work to show me the steps taken. I can then judge the accuracy of the work to help them better prepare for upcoming tests. Each problem I assign for homework has a specific purpose for learning the concept or standard being taught. Every problem is important. A student should give his/her best effort on each problem at night.

- **Late Work:** Late work is only accepted due to student absence. If a student is absent, they will have the same number of days they were absent to complete the homework assignment. It is the **student's responsibility** to get any missed notes, handouts, and the assignments from the teacher or a classmate and to complete any missed work and turn in for credit. Students should exchange study buddy information to help them obtain any missed class information. All assignments can also be found on TeacherWeb. Please check my announcements page nightly for any updates or daily assignment changes.
  
- **Quizzes & Tests:** Usually two quizzes will be given for each chapter. One quiz covering the first half of the chapter and a second covering the last half of the chapter. A test will be given at the end of every chapter, which may be every two to three weeks. We will always have a test review period the day before a test to practice the skills learned in the chapter. The quizzes and tests are noted on the student's assignment sheet, announced several days in advance, and also posted on the TeacherWeb calendar. If a student is absent on the day of an assessment, the quiz or exam is expected to be made up the day of the student's return. If the student was out for an extended period of time, the student and teacher can discuss an extension or arrangements to take the assessment before the absent period.
  
- **Grading Policy:** Everything is graded using points.
  1. **Homework- 3 points per assignment**
  2. **Homework Quizzes- 5 to 10 points per assessment**
  3. **Classwork- *Notes, Vocabulary, Review activities*: 5 –10 points**
  4. **Hands on Activities/Problem Solving- 10-20 points**
  5. **Quizzes- 2 per chapter: 20-25 points**
  6. **Tests- 1 per chapter: 50 – 75 points**
  7. **To calculate your grade, take the total number of points you received on the assignment/quiz/test and divide by the total number of points possible for the assignment/quiz/test.**  
**Example: You scored a 45 out of 50 on the test, divide 45 by 50 and you will receive a 90% on the test.**
  
- **Classroom Procedures:** My classroom is a place where learning math is fun. We will participate in many classroom procedures that help each student become respectful and responsible members of the learning environment.

## **Have a question, stuck on a problem, or need some extra help?**

- Remember that the textbooks used in each math class can be found online. A new feature is the online video tutor that walks the student through a problem step-by-step. There are also practice quizzes, and study guides located there to help reinforce the skills. If a question arises at home, you and your child can look on the internet and get homework help from the textbook website link or other reference links located on TeacherWeb.
- If you need to ask me anything, the quickest way to reach me is via my email. I typically check it every hour. I am ready to answer any question you may have while working on an assignment at home. If you have other items that need my attention, you may also leave me a message at school, and I will respond in a timely manner.
- Please be sure to encourage your child to come to me with any questions he/she may have regarding the material we cover in class. If they are not comfortable asking in front of the entire class, they can always come to me before or after the class period and I will work out the problems with them. I am usually available during SRB if the student would like to make an appointment. I am always happy to help any student that may need it! I want each student to find the confidence to try their best and then not be afraid to seek my assistance with anything they may need.