

# Math 8 Syllabus

Welcome to Math 8! This is a grade level class for all 8th Graders. Based on student success in Math 8, students will be placed in a one, two or three year Algebra course in 9th Grade. I expect this to be a challenging and exciting course. It is my goal to create the best learning environment possible to help students have a successful year.

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**Website:** Listed on Parks JH Website

**Daily Agenda:** Found in Google Classroom (for rostered students)

**Attendance:** How important is attendance? Very important! Every day materials covered will be vital throughout the year. Missing a day is falling behind a day. Please make every effort to be present.

**Homework:** Every night? Yes!!! My policy is that homework is meant to reinforce and support the content learned in class. I typically give 15-20 minutes for independent practice. During this time, students can ask questions and get help on concepts. If students use their class time wisely, they should finish most, if not all of their homework at school. Homework will be input into PowerSchool at least every two weeks.

**Late assignments:** Students will be allowed to turn in TWO late homework assignment per month for full credit. All other LATE assignments will receive half credit points. LATE assignments will be due in a timely manner. (One day late, one day to make-up up work).

**All Notes & Homework will be completed on PAPER!!**

**What if I am Absent?:**

- 1) Call, email, or text a classmate and get a copy of the notes missed in class if you want to get a head start.
- 2) When you return to school, a copy of the blank notes (to fill in) & the homework worksheet will be available to pick up in the back of the room sorted by date.
- 3) Attend tutorial or ask questions in class for concepts that were missed.
- 4) Complete missing homework and turn it in. The work is not considered late. However, it is their responsibility to turn in their work in a timely manner.

**Grade Scale:**

100% - 90% -----A  
89 – 80%-----B  
79 – 70%-----C  
69% - 60%-----D  
59% or below -----F

**Weighted Average:**

30% - Practice Work – Consists of homework, class work, and Homework Quizzes

70% - Assessment – Includes Tests and Quizzes

**Extra Help:** Tutorials are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays for extra help during Period 7. Please also take advantage of class time when we go over homework at the beginning of class and work independently after the lesson.

**Extra Practice:** [IXL](#) is a website that offers extra practice. Students are able to work on prerequisite skills from the previous year and reinforce new skills learned. It also is a great indicator of success on the iReady Test which is used to place students in Algebra in 9th Grade. If you have extra time, I highly recommend that you work on the 8th grade skills. Students that need enrichment can also work ahead on Algebra Standards. IXL covers math standards from elementary school through Calculus.

**Extra Credit:** Depending on the assessment and the standards covered, students may complete IXL Standards to increase their test/quiz grade. Please see me and I will assign standards for extra credit. For some tests, I offer a retest. This may be taken after attending tutorial for help. Students may only earn points back if they didn't receive a passing grade of 70%.

**Teacher/Parent Communication:**

Communication between the parent and teacher is important for student success. I always say most parents have 1 to 3 children to look after, but teachers have 200. Please be proactive and email me if you have any questions or concerns. Email is the very best way to get in contact with me and my preferred form of communication. Please make sure that your email and phone number is up-to-date in PowerSchool.