

Common Core Math 8
Class Overview – Mrs. Ingalls
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Course Description:

This is a one-year course that prepares for high school math and the NYS Common Core Mathematics 8 exam. Topics include The Number System, Expressions and Equations, Functions, Geometry, and Statistics and Probability.

Expectations:

1. Be in your seats working on the bell-ringer activity.
2. Be prepared with all required materials.
3. All backpacks, coats, personal belongings, etc. stored in locker.
4. Be respectful and safe to yourself and others.
5. Show responsible, cooperative, and successful behavior.
6. Follow the Unatego student handbook.

Required Materials:

1. A notebook (spiral or 3-ring with paper)
2. Math Folder
3. Assignment pad or Agenda
4. Sharpened pencils with an eraser. Other writing utensils can be used for your own notes (not in workbook). We will use whiteboards often in class and having your own dry eraser markers is recommended.
5. Student Glencoe Math Workbook
6. Calculator (for home and class use)
7. It is NOT NECESSARY to buy a calculator, but it is recommended. Students will be able to borrow calculators for class use but will not be permitted to take them out of the classroom. If you choose to purchase calculator I suggest the Texas Instruments scientific calculator. No other electronic device will be used in place of a calculator in my classroom. If you bring your own calculator to class you must LABEL IT and be responsible for it.

Grading:

The passing grade for all middle school grades (6-8) is 70. There are four quarter grades with a final evaluation grade received by averaging the four quarter grades. The quarter grades are determined by the school policy of 90% summative assessments and 10% formative assessments.

Math 8 Summative Assessments (90%)

- Tests & Projects (60%)
- Quizzes (30%)

Math 8 Formative Assessments (10%)

- Classwork
- Workbook
- Homework
- Exit Tickets
- Bell-ringers

Homework

Homework is an essential part of success in math 8. Homework provides practice and reinforcement for what has already been taught in class. Homework is a time for students to make sure they understand the concept that was previously taught and to demonstrate that concept. Homework will mostly be graded on completion and effort, not only on right answers. Students should be prepared to turn in any assignment, without prior notice. Every student is responsible for making sure they have the correct answer on their homework when we go over it during class. If you are struggling with your homework, please see me during tutorial, or use the resources I have discussed in class to help at home. All homework given will be due the following day unless otherwise assigned. For homework to receive full credit, ALL NECESSARY WORK MUST BE SHOWN. Homework checked in class is worth 5 points. All homework, worksheets, and handouts should be kept throughout the year as a study aid (the midterm and final exams are cumulative). Late homework will be accepted up four days past the due date. Each day the homework is late, the student will lose 1 point. See chart below.

Due Date	1 Day Late	2 Days Late	3 Days Late	4 Days Late
5/5	4/5	3/5	2/5	1/5

Homework Quiz

Most of the time homework is not collected as stated above. In order to ensure all students are completing and understanding their homework I will give a bi-weekly homework quiz (formative). These quizzes will only be questions students have already seen on their homework. This is a practice to show the material does not “go away” when we start a new concept and to reinforce that success in math comes with practice.

Attendance Policy

All students must follow the attendance policy in the Unatego Student Handbook as well as the following rules.

Leaving Class

All students are to remain in the classroom throughout the duration of the period. Students may not leave math class to meet with other teachers or to visit any other part of the building. Students should use the bathroom before or after class. If you must use the restroom, first ask permission, sign out/in on the “Student Sign-out sheet”, and take the pass. Only one person may be out of the class at a time. Any student who abuses this system will lose privileges to leave the classroom.

Extra Help

I am always willing to make time for students who may need extra help. It is the student’s responsibility to let me know that additional help is needed. You may also use tutorial to seek out extra help. I will often give you a pass to my tutorial if I see that you need some extra help. You may also email me at school at singalls@unatego.stier.org.

Chromebooks

All 8th graders will receive a Chromebook for use a school this year. We will be using this technology in the classroom often. I will be going over further instructions with the Chromebook for use in class and the resources that will be used this year.

Math Success

Success in this class depends on hard work and practice. You can do well if you try. I am looking forward to working with you this year.

Best Wishes,
Mrs. Ingalls

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Contact: Email: _____ Phone (____) _____

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