

Golden West MATH 7

Parent/Student Letter 2016-2017

Welcome to Math 7. In this course, students will focus on four critical areas: (1) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; (2) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; (3) solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions, and working with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; and (4) drawing inferences about populations based on samples.

Expectations

- You are expected to come to class prepared with the appropriate supplies** each day with the intent to learn; to keep an organized notebook; and to take the responsibility to get your questions answered. You are expected to arrive to class on time, and be in your seat with your homework out, writing down the agenda, and ready to begin class when the bell rings.
- You are expected to work cooperatively with partners and small groups, and respect the rights of others to learn. At **NO TIME** will disruption to the overall learning environment (including put-downs and disrespectful behavior) be tolerated! Mathematical practice/participation will be counted toward your overall grade.
- You are expected to complete **ALL** assignments **ON TIME**. Late work will receive no credit. Students who are absent need to get the agenda from their team. Check on-line to see what homework was missed, then make sure to see the teacher upon your return to find out what class work was missed, along with any quizzes, or tests. You will be given the number of days absent, plus one day, to make up work you missed.
- You are expected to label every paper properly (as directed in class). **NO NAME = NO CREDIT!**
- You are expected to complete all assignments (classwork, homework, quizzes, and tests) in **PENCIL!** Assignments done in ink will **NOT** be accepted.
- For all assignments, you are expected to: write the problems, show ALL your work, and box in your answers. **ANSWERS ALONE WILL RECEIVE NO CREDIT!**

Cheating will NOT be tolerated at any time. All parties involved will receive NO CREDIT. In addition, students caught cheating on a test or quiz will have their parents contacted, be referred to the vice-principal for disciplinary action, and receive a score of ZERO.

**Appropriate supplies include: sharpened pencils, a pen for grading, and the student's spiral notebook. Students will be given ONE copy of the text, and are responsible for bringing the book to class every day. Students who lose the text materials provided will be required to go on-line and print out all necessary pages to replace what was lost for that unit. The teacher will not print or provide additional copies for students.

Technology Note: Proper handling and use of technology resources (computers, calculators, i-pads, etc.) is mandatory. Students who misuse these resources may lose their privileges and forfeit the ability to complete and earn credit for assignments.

Consequences

Students who cause disruptions to the learning environment will earn one or more of the following consequences:

Verbal Warning - After school or lunch time detention - Discipline essay to be assigned by teacher

Parent contact - Office referral - Parent/Teacher conference and behavior contract

Banned items brought to class will be confiscated. (see planner)

Grading

Your grades in this class will be weighted as follows:

40% Daily Work & Projects

(including classwork, teamwork, homework, binder checks, homework audits, and participation)

60% Quizzes, Tests & Performance Tasks

Grading Scale: 90-100% = A

80-89% = B

70-79% = C

55-69% = D

0-54% = F

Students and parents may check the student's grade daily on Aeries.net (parent portal).

Extra Help

Please check the MATH RESOURCES page on the GW website for helpful information on how to help your child. Additional help from teachers is available at various times during each week. This is in addition to the help available every day during class. Students may come in individually, with friends that need help, or they may come in to help others. Check with your teacher for specific times and dates available. All teachers in the math department are available and willing to help ANY of our Golden West students (students do not need to be enrolled in that teacher's course to go get help).

Parents

Please go over this information with your child and sign below. Throughout the school year, please feel free to contact us via e-mail or through your child's planner with any questions or concerns. Several teachers will be trying Schoology, an online learning management system. Please see the Schoology information sheet if applicable. You can also go to the Golden West website and click on the math department, where you can check our class webpages for information regarding homework assignments and upcoming tests, and access all of our textbooks on-line. Please be advised that the information on our webpages could change at any time based on student needs in class. Please check your student's planner for the most accurate/up-to-date information. We also encourage parents AND students to use Aeries.net routinely to access and monitor grades. We look forward to our partnership with you and your child this year! **Thank you for your support!**

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I have read and understand the information in this letter.

Student name (please print)

Parent Signature