

Dear AP STATS class:

Hello! Welcome to AP Statistics! I hope we all will have a fun and educational year. I have a few rules/systems to introduce to you and I hope you will let me know a little about yourselves. Rule number 1 is to be kind. I take that very seriously; it is impossible for anyone to learn if they are afraid of being mocked or silenced for their ideas or the way that they are. If anyone makes you uncomfortable in any way (including me), let me know right away. Address any issues you anticipate on the cards we are about to fill out.

System 1 is the grading policy. Some quizzes, projects, and classwork will be included in 40% (15% homework and 25% classwork) of your grade. Tests, other quizzes and the final will make up the remaining 60%. Test dates will be posted in the classroom. Quizzes will be frequent and often not count for a grade.

System 2 is to keep track of your work when you are present AND when you are absent. In a minute you will take out your phone and get someone's email or phone number. You also have my email address. I will send you a link to my website if I have not already done so. You can also get my official email address through the school website or contact me through PupilPath (although I prefer direct communication). Having said all that, you are NOT allowed to ask me what you missed the day you return to class. When you are absent or late, we are all still here learning. It is your responsibility to look on PupilPath or my website, where I will attach most of the documents we use each week. If you have a question, you can email me or another student. After you are done with your phone or other device, it should be out of sight as it should generally be. You will fill in our communal binder about 3 times a semester.

System 3 is homework. It is essential that math is digested in small frequent quantities, like food. You should expect to do about 4 assignments a week on paper and I will grade them (generally full credit) when I get the Google Form input before the class period on the due date OR you show me the paper form on the day it is due. All assignments must be done by the test date. I will input all your grades within a week in Skedula. If work is late, you must do the Google Form and let me know that you did so. I expect to see all problems attempted and frequent errors. If I have gone over the problems, I expect you to note that you understood or did not. If you struggle with due dates, work ahead. I can't know your schedule as well as you do and you will have similarly flexible due dates in college and in the future, if you are lucky. The units we will cover are the first 12 chapters in the book and that are in the "old HW" section of my website.

The rest of class will be as you have experienced in most math classes. We will have tests for each unit. Make-up tests will be harder, so try to take tests early if you anticipate an absence. It is important to me that I do my best to create problems and situations that allow you to learn and that you are open to learning, which means a great deal of hard work. Any evidence of cheating will lead to a grade of zero on the entire test and no possibility of re-scoring. As I offer test corrections, a zero received honestly can lead to a 25 or 33, but a zero from cheating is a zero. The goal of every assignment is to allow you and I to see what YOU know, not your neighbor, colleague, or any other source.

You will benefit from having a TI-84 or 83 plus TI calculator. If you already have an 83, that's fine. A Casio is also, but it may take a few minutes longer to me to explain each step. If you have financial issues, please see me. You must have a place to keep notes, the **many** worksheets I will hand out, a writing instrument, and a calculator. You will need these every day. You will use your personal devices in class often, but you will put them away out of sight in between use to minimize distraction.

My e-mail address is melpflaum@gmail.com. Your first homework assignment is to email me and to let me know a little bit more about yourself. Make sure to include an appropriate subject line (your name and period of class) and greeting. **What has your math experience been like up until now? What are you looking forward to this year? What is a positive learning experience you have had in math class? What is your preferred name/pronoun?** Writing to me is NOT OPTIONAL.

Thanks in advance, Melanie Pflaum

On the card:

Official Name, period	Preferred Name
Where you like to sit	
Best way to contact you	
Best way to contact parents/guardians / their names	
Anything else I should know	
Bucket list item	

Example:

Melanie Pflaum, period 2	MEL
I like to sit in the middle	
melpflaum@gmail.com	
susanna@gmail.com Susanna Grannis	
I raise my hand a lot to keep myself focused	
I want to go back to Barcelona and to Costa Rica	

Questions for email:

- **What has your math experience been like up until now?**
- **What are you looking forward to this year?**
- **What are your concerns about this year?**
- **What is a positive learning experience you have had in math class?**
- **What is your preferred name/pronoun?**