

LOMS 8th Grade Mathematics Syllabus
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Welcome to a New Year! I am excited to have you in my class and I am looking forward to teaching you this year. Included in this syllabus are our course description, materials, classroom rules, our grading procedure, late work policy, ways to succeed in math class, after school detention, and other important items.

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Conference Period: 3th Block 10:10 AM - 11:05AM

Course Description: The curriculum for this course aligns with the Texas Essential Knowledge Skills for Mathematics which may be viewed on the TEA Website.

<http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/staar/>

- **Reporting Category 1:** Numerical Representations and Relationships
- **Reporting Category 2:** Computations and Algebraic Relationships
- **Reporting Category 3:** Geometry and Measurement
- **Reporting Category 4:** Data Analysis and Personal Financial Literacy

Materials: Students are expected to bring appropriate materials to each class.

- Paper/journal (to show work as needed)
- Tab in binder to keep math notes
- Pencil, eraser, sharpener
- Highlighter
- Pen (blue and red)
- **Please Bring a Backpack**
- **Homework completed every day**

Classroom rules: District policies are followed as outlined in the school-wide Student Code of Conduct. Classroom Rules are posted on the bulletin board. Rules are based on a foundation of being **RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and SAFE.**

The progression of consequences if rules aren't followed:

1. PBIS Behavioral Intervention (contact parent)
2. Initial Demerit (contact parent)
3. Lunch /After-school Detention (contact parent)
4. Parent/Teacher Conference
5. Administrative Referral

****In some cases some or all of these steps may be skipped depending on the level of the offense**

Homework: Homework is an important part of learning and mastering math concepts.

- **Homework is assigned after every lesson** in order to reinforce concepts taught during class. (Parents we encourage your support for students to complete homework daily).
- Students are expected to complete assignments on time. In the event of an absence, it is the student's responsibility to check with his/her class buddy for missed work and notes. If there

are extenuating circumstances that caused the assignment to be late, parents should contact teacher to make proper arrangements.

- Late assignments **might** require after school detention. Also, students must show their work on every assignment, homework, quiz and/or test. **Failure to prove or show work on any assignment or test will result in a grade of 50.**

Grading: We follow the District Grading Policy. The grading scale is as follows:

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

Weighted Grading Scale: Grades are based on

- 50% - Assessments
- 50% - Classwork and Homework

Students will have the opportunity to make up a failing assignment and/or test during afterschool with parent notification.

Plagiarism/Academic Integrity: Academic integrity is expected on all assignments. Plagiarism is defined as presenting the work of another as one's own. Cheating on an assignment or assessment is another activity that violates ethics and school rules. Any work that exhibits cheating/plagiarism, will result in a zero, parental notification, and disciplinary action may be taken.

After School Detention (ASD): LOMS staff and administration believe in the value and importance of teaching students responsibility and accountability. As a result, students may be assigned After School Detention (ASD) for the following reasons:

- Failure to comply with school and/or classroom expectations.
- Consistent unexcused tardiness to class
- Consistent Failure to submit an assignment on the due date

Ways to Succeed in Math Class:

- ✓ Students must complete the daily PODs (problem of the day). PODs are designed to be a review of previously learned concepts or a lead in to the current days lesson.
- ✓ Students must take notes on new material and write examples of problems worked in class. Notes are a good tool to use when completing Independent Work or as a source for studying for exams.
- ✓ Complete **ALL** homework assignments showing strategies and computations.
- ✓ **Attend tutorials if assigned to build skills and confidence in math, as well as to get additional help**
- ✓ Always show your work; Participate in class; Respect teacher and classmates.

