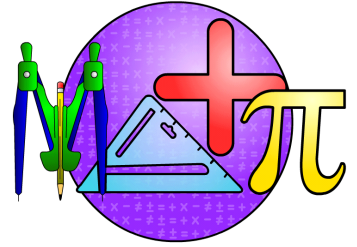


Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,



Welcome to 7th Grade Math! My name is Mrs. Sexton and I am very excited to have you in math class this year. Together we all will be exploring Saxon Course 3. Saxon Course 3 is an extension of the concepts taught in previous math Saxon Courses 1 (5th grade) and 2 (6th grade). This course will emphasize the application of pre-algebraic concepts to prepare for advanced high school math courses. With 1st quarter and some of 2nd quarter being mostly review, 3rd quarter will dive deep into the concepts and may feel overwhelming if students are not practicing their study skills and communicating when they need help. Please contact me if you have any questions. Keep in mind that I cannot always answer or talk on the phone during school hours, email is always the best way to reach me.

Saxon Math at MTA is taught one grade level higher. This means that I am really covering concepts for 8th grade and some Freshman level math. This course will require each student to be responsible for their own work, take notes daily, as well as be on task at all times. I have a class set of textbooks in my classroom and students will each be assigned a textbook to keep at home. The textbook is also available for download to a flash drive or a device through a link on my website or using Google classroom (a student log-in is required). The following materials from the 7th grade supply list will be used throughout the year in math class:

- 2 inch binder
- 2 packs of 3 hole punched graph paper
- TI-30XIIS calculator (2nd semester)
- dry-erase marker and eraser
- pencils
- highlighter
- red pen

With technology everywhere in our world it's important we follow school rules regarding devices. Cell phones are required to be turned off and stored in their backpacks unless students have been given permission to have them out and turned on. ALL SOCIAL MEDIA WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT ANYTIME DURING SCHOOL HOURS. If a student is caught using their device incorrectly on campus (ie. social media, taking photos or videos, texting, etc.) the student will receive a referral to the office for disciplinary actions.

All students and parents can access student grades through powerschool at any given time. The student's login information can be retrieved through the front office. Students are always welcome to inquire about any given grade.

I know our students are capable of exceptional work and I ask that you help me maintain these expectations by checking with your child periodically to make sure that his/her work is being done. Students should expect to have homework each night and about 1 test a week.

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Students' grades will be weighted as follows:

- Homework- 10%
- Classwork/Quizzes/Participation- 20%
- Tests- 70%

Homework is worth 10 points each and is a completion grade. Students can lose points for not showing adequate work or not completing the assignment. Answers are reviewed each day in class and students are encouraged to review missed questions for mastery.

Classwork/Quizzes/Participation varies in point values. This includes investigations, review/enrichment assignments, Power Up quizzes, and more.

Tests are 100 points each. A regular test is 20 questions at 5 points for each question (partial points can be earned). There are 3 benchmark tests that are 25 questions at 4 points each (no partial points). Students can complete test corrections after a regular test to earn some points back. The scale is below:

- *Student Score: 90-100% = 5 points maximum added to test score*
- *Student Score 85-89% = 6 points maximum added to test score*
- *Student Score 80-84% = 7 points maximum added to test score*
- *Student Score: 75-79% = 8 points maximum added to test score*
- *Student Score: 70-74% = 9 points maximum added to test score*
- *Student Score: 65-69% = 10 points maximum added to test score*
- *Student Score: 60-64% = 11 points maximum added to test score*
- *Student Score: 40-59% = 12 points maximum added to test score*
- *Student Score: 38% or below = grade raised up to 50% maximum*

As 7th graders the students are not only learning new concepts, but a lot of them are learning how to study and ask questions. I've prepared many resources for the students to use all year long. They include:

- Google Classroom- Students can join my Google classroom to access helpful notes and study guides. Students will be able to talk with other students in our class about questions they have on assignments and tests as well as provide feedback and help for others. I will also use Google classroom to conference with students periodically throughout the year.
- Khanacademy.org- Students can use this site to review almost any concept we've learned about this year. The site also provides an infinite amount of practice problems for the students if they are struggling with a concept. Students are encouraged to use their Madison email addresses to log in and save their progress.
- Quizlet.com- I've uploaded all of our vocabulary terms from the year to my class page on this site. Students can join my class "MTA7thMath" by searching for my username "MrsSextonisAmazing" and can review our vocabulary terms throughout the year. Here's the link to automatically join my class: <https://quizlet.com/join/DhEcjd9hV>

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