



Mr. Pastore, Room 703
Hillsdale Middle School
7th Grade Math Syllabus 2025-26

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HMS Vision

Our vision is to create a collaborative environment that empowers students to be resourceful, independent learners. Through the use of 21st century skills and technology, students will become creative, critical thinkers who pursue their passions to achieve life skills and educational success.

WELCOME! My name is Mr. Pastore and it is my pleasure to be your math teacher. This year I will challenge your minds and prepare you for success in this and future math classes. **YOU WILL BE SUCCESSFUL** if you put forth your best effort. We will cover all of the PRIORITY standards from the [California Common Core Math Standards](#) for 7th grade.

My classroom style of teaching is a combination of blended, self-paced, and mastery-based practices. This way of teaching allows me to spend the maximum amount of class time meeting the needs of ALL of my students .

I will do my best to make sure that your child is taught in a way that is most beneficial for them. I will use a variety of different teaching strategies, instructional tools, problem solving techniques, computer programs, and games during my lessons. If a student feels they are falling behind in class, they need to contact me immediately so they can get caught up. I am here to help in any way that I can.

Expectations:

- The school environment **must** be orderly and a high standard of conduct **must** be maintained at all times.
- Students are expected to come to school with their work completed, all of their school supplies, and their computers fully charged.
 - **I do not allow students to charge in my room for space and safety reasons.**
- Any behaviors or devices that disrupt the educational environment will not be tolerated.
 - This includes cell phones, smart watches, and student disruptions.
- All students have the responsibility to behave in a manner that neither prevents teachers from teaching nor students from learning.

- The rights and property of others must be respected.
- Failure to comply with your teacher's [Classroom Policies and Procedures](#) and/or the expectations in the HMS Student Handbook will result in disciplinary action.

Consequences: may include, but are not limited to..

- Parent phone calls.
- Lunch/After school detentions.
- Copying a page that explains appropriate school behaviors.
- Referral to the Principal or Assistant Principal.
- Lowering of citizenship grade.

Curriculum: The 7th grade math curriculum will come from a variety of resources. The math text that was adopted by the district is The California GO Math Textbook from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Some other resources that the students will use will be Illustrative Math, Khan Academy, Delta Math, iReady, and many others. ALL students will have access to all of the curriculum no matter what it is. If for any reason your child needs help accessing the curriculum at any time, please contact me immediately.

iReady: is a math program, adopted by our school district, designed to create a personalized learning path for all students.

- A diagnostic assessment will provide students with a personalized learning path designed to fill in any knowledge gaps they may have. The district's expectation is that every student passes at least one lesson on their personalized path per week. If a student is more than two grade levels below where they should be, I suggest passing two or three lessons per week.
- iReady is a weekly assignment and will count towards their classwork/homework grade.

It would be GREAT if students could have the following materials for class:

- Whiteboard markers (just one really), pens, pencils, colored pens, highlighters:
- 3 Ring Binder or other way of organizing your school work, with sections dedicated to math notes and packets.
- Notebook Paper: You may need this for homework that needs to be turned in.

If you need assistance getting ANY supplies for school, please see the counselors or the front office for assistance.

Absences:

- I hope you are never absent, but if you are, it is your responsibility to complete your missed work.
- **If you miss any tests or quizzes you will need to come to my room at 8:30am the following day to make it up.**
- Missing assignments, tests and quizzes will have a score of 0 until they are made up.
- If you are absent for 2 days then you have 2 days to make up your work etc...

- I am aware that “life happens”. If you need assistance or you have questions, please contact me immediately and we can work together on a solution.

Tardy Policy:

- **If you are not in your seat, ready to learn, with your supplies out before, the bell rings then you are tardy.**
- Consequences for being late to class **may include but are not limited to**; parent phone contact/meetings, lunch detentions, before/after school detentions, referral to the administration.
 - The tardy count starts back to zero at the beginning of each trimester.
 - Being tardy will lower your citizenship points.
 - 1st and 2nd tardy **may** be a warning, reminder of school tardy policy, consequences or a combination of any of the above. If a student is intentionally tardy they will receive a consequence and not a warning.
 - 3rd - 4th tardy, teacher consequences will be given (see above).
- You will be given a referral to the administration for your 5th tardy and every tardy after that.

Academic Grading:

- Students **earn** their grades by being outstanding citizens, completing their classwork, homework, and earning points on their assessments.
- Classwork may become homework if it is not finished in class.
- Honors classes will have homework assignments on a daily basis.
- Homework may be assigned in regular math if it is necessary.
- Homework guidelines:
 - ALL papers must have a proper heading: First and last name, the date you received the paper, and the period you are in.
 - ALL work must be shown on the paper. I can't grade work done in your brain.
 - Work must be neat, organized, and easy to follow.
 - You must put a box around your final answer.
 - All work with no name on it will be put in a “no name” bin and disposed of when we take the unit test.
 - You can find your work in the “no name” bin and turn it in for credit.
 - Students can access their grades from their student portal (Q Zangle)
 - Parents can access their child's grades using “Parent Connect.” You can get a login and password from the office staff at HMS.
- It is the student's responsibility to monitor their assignments and grades.
- Tests, quizzes, projects and other assessments are worth 60% of your grade
- Classwork/homework count for the other 40%.
- Students will be expected to correct their homework (resources will be provided) and ask questions about it the following day in class (if needed).
- Students must complete their homework, study their notes, ask questions, complete practice problems, and put effort into their learning if they are going to be successful.

Late Work Policy:

- Homework is due by midnight that same day.
- You should assume that ALL assignments are graded.
- Late or missing work can be turned in up to 7 calendar days from the date of an assignment.
 - **Example:** if there is an assignment on the homework calendar for Tuesday and you are unable to finish it Tuesday night, you have until Monday at midnight to turn it in.
- **EXCEPTIONS:** No late work will be accepted after we take the unit test.
- The assignment date is the day it was put on the hw calendar.
- Do not go by the due dates on specific math sites.

To Get Credit for Late or Missing Assignments:

- Please email me the following information to pastoren@cajonvalley.net.
- Your first and last name.
- The period you are in.
- The name of the assignment.
- A screenshot that proves you completed the assignment with the score if there is on.
- If the assignment was done on paper you can turn it into the "late work" bin in the back of the room.
- NOTE: If the assignment is NOT in your Zangle then you do NOT have to email me.
- [Email example](#) for turning in late work.
- If the assignment is "red" in Zangle that means I have graded it, you are missing it, and you need to follow the steps for turning in late work.

Effort Grade:

- Your effort grade is based on the quality of your work in and out of class.
- It generally mirrors your academic grade, but not always.
- This is NOT a separate category in your Zangle. It will be given out at the end of each grading period.

Citizenship Grade:

- The citizenship grade is based on cooperation and compliance with all school and classroom policies and procedures. These are stated here and in the [HMS handbook](#).
- Being tardy to class will have a negative impact on your citizenship grade.
- Chewing gum will result in losing all of that day's citizenship points.
- Being caught with a phone that is not turned off and in the backpack will result in losing all of that day's citizenship points.

A breakdown of academic, effort, and citizenship grades are located at the end of this syllabus.

Husky Passes: are handed out to help students learn how to set boundaries, teach self awareness, time management, and accountability.

- Students will receive 12 passes to be used throughout each trimester.
- The pass is only valid for the person named.
- If a student needs to get out of their seat for ANY reason, they fill out one of the squares on the pass and hold it up.
 - This includes going to their backpacks, bathroom usage, blowing your nose, getting school supplies etc...
- Passes may be revoked at any time and other teacher restrictions may apply.
- Students will not be permitted to leave the room while other classes are at lunch or while we are taking tests and quizzes.
- Only one student may be out of the room at a time.
- If a child has any medical conditions or special circumstances, please notify the school and myself immediately and accommodations will be made.
- This fosters a form of SILENT communication so there are as few disruptions to our learning environment as possible.

About Your Teacher

- BS Degree in Architectural Engineering from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.
- Single Subject Teaching Credential in Mathematics from San Diego State University.
- Masters Degree in Teaching, Specializing in Education Technology, from National University.
- Teaching in CVUSD for 16 years.

I am here to help. Please e-mail me at pastoren@cajonvalley.net if you have any questions or concerns. My main point of contact with parents and guardians will be through parent square.

Thank you.

Mr. Pastore

Below is a list of letter grades for Academics, Effort, and Citizenship.

Academic

Citizenship

Effort

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A+
A Excellent
A-
B+
B Very Good
B-
C+
C Satisfactory
C-
D+
D Below Average
D-
F Failing
P Pass
I Incomplete
NM No Mark
CR Credit
NC No Credit

O Outstanding
G Good
S Satisfactory
N Needs Improvement
U Unsatisfactory

A Excellent
B Very Good
C Satisfactory
D Below Average
CR Credit
F Failing
NC No Credit