

# **MS. KOLOWICZ'S 8TH GRADE MATH**

## **2022-2023**

### *Course Information*

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## **CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

Each class is expected to follow the classroom expectations during every class period. Expectations are in place to make sure the classroom runs efficiently and smoothly. Classroom expectations are posted on my canvas website and have been discussed in class:

1. **Be on time to class everyday.**
2. **Be prepared with all needed materials for each class.**
3. **Be respectful to other students/ teachers in class.**
4. **Be following rules and directions at all times.**
5. **Be completing assignments each day.**
6. **Be kind to everyone.**

I believe every possible disruption to learning is covered in the expectations above. If you are respectful, responsible, and give your best every day, we should have a successful year. If classroom expectations are not followed the following consequences will take place:

1. **Technology jail.**
2. **Separation from group.**
3. **Call/ email home.**
4. **Office referrals.**

## **A NORMAL DAY IN CLASS**

Here is a breakdown of how my class periods will run on a normal day. We will be following a blended learning classroom model this year. In the blended learning model, the class time will be split into 4 different stations (also called studios): mini lesson studio, digital content studio, independent lesson studio and future ready studio. Our goal by the end of the year is to be working through all 4 studios per class period, but we will start by only working through 2-3 studios at first. Every day you will come into class, grab the needed materials for the day and go to your designated studio. Your designated starting studio will be posted on the board in case you forget where you're supposed to go. During the first 10 minutes of class, you will work on the warm up for the day while attendance is taken. After attendance, we will introduce the daily topic during the whole group lesson. After the whole group, you will be working through the designated studios assigned to you for the day while I am running a couple small groups with everyone. A timer will let you know when we will rotate studios. You will be given about 10 minutes in each studio. At the end of each studio, Ms. Hummel and I will walk around the class and sign off that studio on your checklist (if it is fully completed) and then we will rotate to the next one. The same process will be done for each studio. At the end of class we will have a brief wrap up and exit

ticket. Once you finish the exit ticket you will clean up your area and put away the materials you were using, sanitize your desk and wait to be released.

<b>A Day In Ms. K's</b>			
Attendance/ Warm Up/ Whole Group Introduction (10 min)			
Mini Lesson Studio (10 min)	Digital Content Studio (10 min)	Independent Lesson Studio (10 min)	Future Ready Studio (10 min)
Small Group Sessions Will Occur During Studios			
Wrap Up/ Exit Ticket (5 min)			

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

You are required to be in class, with your needed materials, before the tardy bell rings. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to make up the assignments or tests you missed when you return. All assignments will be assigned through canvas. If you are absent 3 consecutive days I will be calling home to make sure everything is alright. If you are absent for 5 consecutive days I will be contacting the counselors/ administration and you most likely get a home visit from someone at the school to make sure you are still alive and well.

## **GRADING POLICY**

Your grade is broken down into 2 categories. 40% of your grade is based on daily assignments and daily work. These are the assignments we do during the class period. The other 60% of your grade comes from tests/ projects. Most of the time it will be the unit checkpoint. We will have a few projects throughout the year.

Daily Work and Assignments	60% of total grade
Major Tests/ Projects	40% of total grade

## **MATH JOURNAL**

We will be creating interactive notebooks in my class this year. You are required to bring a composition notebook to class to use as your journal. We will be using journals daily for notes and other activities so it is important that you have one. Your journal will be kept in my class so that it does not get lost. You will get it everyday at the beginning of class along with your student folder, calculator and any other needed materials for the day. At the end of the day your journal will be put back in the container with your class period. We will be having frequent journal checks to make sure that you are keeping up with your journal. These journal checks will be at random and will be counted as a daily grade when looked at.

## **CALCULATORS**

We will be exclusively using the TI-nspire CX graphing calculator. This is the same type of calculator that the students will have access to during the STAAR test. Each student will be assigned a calculator and will be responsible for that calculator during the period. If any damage is made to the calculator, the student assigned to that calculator will be responsible for paying the damages. If you get your calculator for the day and it has been damaged you need to let either Ms. Hummel or I know at the beginning of class so that you are not forced to pay for the damages you didn't cause. If you are unable to use the calculators properly, you will lose your calculator privileges and will have to do all your work by hand until you can prove that you are responsible enough to use a calculator properly.

## **WEEKLY CHECKLIST**

Most weeks you will receive a weekly checklist for my class. This checklist will be kept in your student folder/journal so that it is available to you for each class. This checklist will have a breakdown of each studio for the day and will have a spot for me to sign for each studio. Most studios will have a check for understanding that must be completed before I sign off for that studio. This is how you will stay organized in my class and will be a good resource to help you figure out what else you need to complete for the week. It will have all of our assignments broken down by the studio. The expectation is that by the end of the week you have all studios completed with signatures by each studio.

## **HOW TO SUBMIT LATE WORK**

I grade assignments everyday to ensure that the gradebook is always accurate for you guys. I do not penalize you for turning in late work. If you are willing to do/redo your assignments I will be willing to grade them. If you are turning in work after the due date, you must submit the late assignment form through google forms. I will not grade any late work unless you complete this form. This form can be found on the homepage and useful resources module in my canvas website. Here is the link to the late assignment form as well. You can submit up to 5 assignments at a time using this form.

<https://forms.gle/guPqmyzUgvsSH1qS7>

## **TUTORING**

At this time, my tutoring schedule will be Monday and Wednesday after school from 4:15-4:45. If you are unable to attend my tutoring sessions, you may attend Mr. Millican's tutoring on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:15-4:45. During tutoring we can go over anything that you are having a hard time with. We can cover material that you missed while absent, you can get help with the assignments we do in class, and you can get updates on your grades. I will have the link to the tutoring calendar on my canvas under the useful resources tab. I have also placed the link below for you to access.

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