

Mrs. Danzinger's Classroom Guidelines 09/10

Class Motto: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be safe!

Class Guidelines: The basic overall expectations for student behavior that govern this class include **Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible**. Appropriate consequences will be administered to those students who violate the above guidelines.

Tests and Quizzes: Tests and quizzes will be roughly every one to two weeks. There is NO TALKING during tests and quizzes **until all students are finished**. If you are absent the day of a test, **you must make-up the test**, or receive a "0." Pre-Algebra students will be given the opportunity to make-up the test the following Wednesday after school during the RETEST (See me ASAP if transportation is an issue). Algebra 1 students will need to schedule a make-up time either during your lunch or elective - there are no after school retests as this is a high school level course.

Cheating: Cheating will not be tolerated and will result in a "0." This includes HW assignments and applies not only to the person doing the copying, but also the person giving the answers.

Homework: Homework will be assigned daily (*even weekends!*) and due the following day.

Assignments along with announcements should be recorded daily in your planner. Homework is to be prepared according to the format discussed & modeled in class and it will be collected daily. (See "What Does Your HW Look Like" poster - also the "HW Reference Guide" on my website). Homework will be peer or self-graded during class. *Only homework that is incomplete or missing will receive 0 points.* "Incompletes" include not doing all the work, forgetting it at home, doing the work in ink, not showing your work, etc.) **If you do not know how to do a problem, "showing your work" consists of copying down the problem(s) and leaving space to do the work once your question is answered; otherwise, work will be assumed incomplete and receive zero points.**

Homework Points: HW scores are based on the following point system:

(20pts. 100%) (19pts. 95%) (17pts. 85%)(15pts. 75%) (0pts. 0%)

Opts. - earned when the assignment is incomplete, OR No work is shown. OR Only answers listed. OR HW is missing/late.

- ☆ For the first few weeks students will be allowed to turn in late HW for half credit but HW **MUST** be turned in the NEXT DAY! Simply write "LATE" at the top and turn in the fully completed HW to the designated area.
- ☆ Eventually, students will be given a Late HW Pass for use each quarter. HW will still need to be fully completed - so, attach your Late HW Pass to receive full credit and turn in your HW to the designated area. Again, students will only have until the NEXT DAY to turn in any Late HW from that week - after that, no Late work will be accepted even with a HW pass attached.
- ☆ Late work submitted without a Late HW pass will receive no credit for the work and their score will stay shown as "missing."
- ☆ See below for details regarding "Absent" work.

Class Notes: You are expected to keep neat, organized class notes including examples presented in class and the problems you work during class. Note: Your notes should look exactly like what is

projected on the screen! Notes will be collected at the end of each chapter. You are responsible for getting the notes from a classmate for days that you are absent.

Absences: If you are absent from class, the homework that was due on the day you were absent is eligible to receive full credit the day you return when you write "ABSENT" at the top and turn it in to the designated area. You will have the same number of days to complete the homework, as you were absent. **I strongly recommend you call a friend for the HW or check the school website to get the HW you missed while absent so that you do not fall further behind or end up with multiple math assignments to do in one night.** *Please do not email me & ask for HW - if you have email, you have internet access and can get the HW from my website (which may not be updated until the end of the school day).*

Retests: Only Pre-Alg students will have the opportunity to take retests. Students who score less than 80% on a test will be eligible to take the Retest after school the following Wednesday. (No arrangements will be made for retests to be given at any other time!) The maximum score on a Retest will be 80%. Note: Absent students will not be given a Retest as they will have the 1st test to use to study; however, they can receive up to 100% on a Retest.

Grading: You are responsible for accurately marking peer work in class. Incorrect answers should be marked with an "X" or "/" only. Correct answers should not be marked with stars or smiley faces ☺. You must always sign work that you grade **AND** it is your responsibility to make sure that another grader has signed your work and placed points on the assignment according to the directions given in class.

Behavior: Classroom "Behavior" will be worth 4 points per day (20 points per week). Students automatically receive the points each day. Points are deducted for not having proper supplies, incomplete or missing assignments, being late to class, off-task or disruptive behavior, etc.

Class Procedures:

- ☆ **No food, gum, candy or drinks** (other than water in a closed container) will be allowed.
- ☆ Trash will be placed in the trashcan by the door as you leave class at the end of the period only.
- ☆ The teacher's desk areas (desk, computer table, overhead area, TA desk, etc.) are off limits to students. This includes the teacher's stapler, hole punch, tape, pencils, pens, papers, trashcan, etc. A student workspace has been set up and is equipped with items for your use.
- ☆ Any handouts from the week are placed in the file box on the supply station for each quarter in the rear of the classroom. It is your responsibility to obtain all missed handouts.
- ☆ During partner and small group work, appropriate noise levels should be maintained - it needs to "sound like math". Discussions should be related to the assigned task and all members are expected to participate and be on task. Individual voices should not be heard.
- ☆ Disruptions to the learning environment are inappropriate.
- ☆ You are expected to use the restroom at lunch and between classes not during class time. Exceptions may be granted at the teacher's discretion during small group activities, but not during direct instruction time or during the first and last 15 minutes of class (school policy).
- ☆ You are expected to participate in all in-class assignments and tasks - including notes & HW!
- ☆ You are expected to be in your seat when the bell rings and have all necessary supplies needed for class without asking others around you for supplies. You also need to stay in your seat!
- ☆ You are expected to do your homework daily and have it ready to turn in each day.
- ☆ You are expected to record all announcements and homework assignments in your planner daily and copy the notes given in class in a neat and organized manner on to notebook paper.

This paper is to be kept in your binder and used as a reference all year.