Classroom Policy

For Mrs. Gorsage’s Enriched Algebra

**Attendance**:

If you are absent, any materials that were handed out will be in your personal folder. It is up to you to catch up on the work, and it is not my responsibility to remind you to turn in missing work. If you miss one day, you have an extra day to make up the work; if you miss two days, you will have two days to make it up; etc. Turn absent work in to me by placing it in the absent work folder on the wall behind my desk. If absent work is not turned in on time, it will be considered a zero.

**Tardies**:

You must be in the classroom by the time the bell rings. Failure to do so will result in a tardy. See your student handbook for the schoolwide tardy policies.

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| \*Your grades will include the following:  40% Tests & Quizzes  40% HW, participation, binders, openers, etc.  20% End of Term Assessments |

**Grading**:

94-100 A

86-93 B

77-85 C

70-76 D

<70 Let’s not let that happen!

***\*Class participation*** is mandatory. I expect every person to ask or answer at least one question every day. To accomplish this, I have each student’s name on a card and randomly select students to answer questions based on these cards.

**Tests**:

Tests are VERY important, and they are worth almost half of your grade. You will always know when a test will be given at least a week in advance because it is always on your syllabus. If you haven’t already, YOU NEED TO LEARN HOW TO STUDY FOR MATH TESTS!!! I will teach you how to do this by assigning reviews and completing review activities with you leading up to the test.

**Quizzes**:

Quizzes will be given at least once per chapter and other times when needed. Most will be announced ahead of time and will be on your weekly syllabus so you will have plenty of time to prepare.

**Opener Problems:**

Opener problems will be done four days a week and are used to test your knowledge of the previous day’s material or to review something for the current day’s material. You may not talk during opener problems, but you can use your notes, homework, books, and teacher as a resource.

**Binder**:

Each student must purchase or take from me a 1” three-ring binder that will be used to organize notes & homework. This must be shown to me by Tuesday, August 21st.

**Homework & In-class work**:

Homework and all other assignments should be your own written work, but you can always work in groups to help each other finish the assignment, unless specifically stated otherwise. YOU NEED TO USE YOUR STUDENT PLANNERS to write out the homework for each day!!! Absent work, extra credit assignments, and any other items not collected as a group should always be put in the absent folder behind my desk.

**Late Work**:

Late work is not accepted. (see **attendance** section above for questions on absent work)

**Behavior**: Misbehavior WILL NOT be tolerated!

* On task behavior is expected at all times. When you get off task, you bring others off task as well, and therefore, you are hurting more than just yourself.
* Homework from other classes is not to be done during math class… and math homework should only be done during the designated time given to do so. If you are working on another subject, I will give you one warning and then I will take it away and give it to your other teacher.
* Sleeping in class is not acceptable.
* **No food or drinks are allowed in class.**
* **No electronic devices are allowed in class.** Per the student handbook, “*All electronic devices must be turned off upon arrival and stored in student lockers for the remainder of the school day. Use/possession of any electronic device including cellular telephones, MP3 players, gaming devices, digital cameras, and digital recording devices by students while school is in session will result in the item being confiscated and the student appearing at a due process hearing with a Dean of Students.”* (p.49) If I see a cell phone or MP3 player anytime during the day, whether it be in class or in the hallway, I will take it from you and turn it in to the dean’s office.

**Personal Folders:**

Everyone has their own folder that is **not** to be removed from the classroom. One person each week will be assigned to folder duty and their job will be to pass out folders **before** the bell rings and put them away before the end of the hour. This folder is where you may find handouts for that day, so always check the folder first thing. It will also contain any graded work for you to take and immediately put into your binder – NO MORE than the current section of work should be left in your folder at the end of the day. The folder is not a replacement for your class binder – it’s only to be used for that current day’s materials.

**Classroom Conduct**:

I expect you to be in your seats and working on the opener by the time the bell rings. If you need to leave the room, you must ask my permission, unless it is an ***extreme*** emergency, in which case you can leave and explain later! *At the end of the period, you may not leave simply because the bell has rung*. I will tell you when the class has ended because I want to make sure any loose ends are tied up before you leave.

**Pass Privileges**:

If you need to use the restroom, please do so during passing periods. Bathroom passes during class are only to be issued in an emergency. Passes will be given to those that have their student planners. Please fill in the necessary information in your planner and I will sign it. *Don’t bother asking to leave the classroom unless you have your planner.* If you lose your planner, you may purchase another from the Dean’s office.

**Cheating/Plagiarism**:

If anyone is caught or suspected of cheating all parties will receive a zero on the assignment, parents will be contacted, and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken as noted in the student handbook (p.47). Cheating will only hurt, not help!

**Course Expectations**:

Come to class prepared, with your pencil, calculator, student planner, and completed homework.

Don’t be afraid to ask questions.

Be willing to learn!