

Dept: Math
Class: Geometry
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Room: G216

Aug 31, 2009
Office Hours: 7:15 - 7:30
Thursday 2:30 – 3:00
Other times by Appt.

Rationale:

The purpose of Geometry is to enable the student to think logically and to express ideas precisely. Geometry also encourages the development of imagination and skills of observation and space perception. The student should also understand and appreciate the geometric concepts applied in our everyday world.

Text Book:

Geometry by McDougal Littell / Houghton Mifflin

Materials:

Book, paper, pencil, TI-84 Plus Graphing Calculator and Calculator Manual.

Grading Policy:

Semester grades will be issued based on 80% for semester material and 20% for the final exam. Grades will be issued based upon the scale as outlined in the student agenda for the 2009-2010 school year. Prior to taking the final exam, the student's semester average will be determined by the following.

Tests	44%
Quizzes	16%
Homework/Activities	16%
Participation	4%
Semester Exam	20%
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Total	100%

Athletic eligibility is determined by the grade given at the end of the 4 grading periods.

Test will be announced in advance and given at the end of each chapter. If a student misses the day of a test they will be expected to make up the test in the Testing Lab offered on Tuesday from 2:35 to 3:30 and Friday from 6:30 to 7:25 in G220. The makeup test will be taken on the first opportunity offered. Flexibility will be extended in unusual circumstances. Communication with the teacher is strongly recommended. Students will not be able to take a test over to improve on the original test. All tests are cumulative for the semester with approximately 4-6 questions from the previous chapters.

Quizzes may or may not be announced and will be given at the rate of at least one per week. Make up quizzes will be given in class the next day. All test and quizzes will be graded on a straight percentage and recorded as such.

Homework will be given daily and is expected to be completed by the beginning of the next class period. Homework will be assessed based upon effort. Scores will range from 0 to 5 depending upon the amount of work completed. Right and wrong answers will not be taken into consideration. Homework will not be allowed to be made up unless the absence was excused. Failure to do homework will result in a zero and may not be made up for credit. Homework will be collected once per week, usually on the last class meeting of the week. If expectations for completing homework are not met then I will collect on a daily basis.

A list of homework assignments will be posted on the School's Web Page for the upcoming week. From time to time the assignment given in class may vary slightly. The classroom assignment will always override the posted assignment. Chapter notes will be collected at the end of the chapter and counted as a homework assignment.

Participation

Each chapter you will start off with 20 participation points. One point will be deducted for each of the following:

- Being tardy to class.
- Disruptive / Misconduct.
- Not prepared (no book, no paper, no pencil, no calculator).
- Not on task when given time in class to do homework.
- Daily Notes.
- Talking during announcements will result in a deduction of **5 points**.

Note – Geometry class is for geometry. You must work on geometry unless you have completed your assignment for the following day.

Extra credit will be held to a minimum. It may be given on test or as homework.

Grade checks will be done on the School's ABI.

Classroom expectations:

Students are expected to follow all policies as set forth by SMCHS and use appropriate behavior at all times. Emphasis will be placed upon:

1. Be in the classroom heading toward your seat when the bell rings.
2. Students should get books and materials out without being instructed to do so.
3. No food, drink, or gum in the classroom.
4. Respect others property and no writing on the desk.
5. Be courteous and respectful to others.
6. Bring all materials to class as you will not be allowed to leave class to retrieve materials.
7. Be in **dress code** when you enter the room.
8. Must remain seated until the bell rings. No hanging out at the door.
9. Use the restroom before class but you must be back before the bell rings or you will be considered tardy
10. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Such behavior will result in a zero for the assignment and a referral to the Dean.
11. Students who show blatant disrespect or challenging behavior to a teacher may be removed from that class for the remainder of the year. The final decision will be made by the Dean's Office and the Academic Office.

In addition to the above classroom expectations, the guidelines expressed in the student agenda must also be followed.

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I have read the policies for Mr Gahan's class and agree to abide by them.

Student (print)

Student (signature)

_____ date _____

Parent (signature)

_____ date _____