

THESE GUIDELINES MUST APPEAR IN THE FRONT OF YOUR NOTEBOOK

Instructor: Mr. Kellogg

Text: Geometry, by Larson, et. al.

Contact Information: If you wish to access my voice mail dial 289-0023, ext. 1305. If you wish to send e-mail, my e-mail address is:

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Supply List:

Textbook

3-ring binder with 4 dividers

lined paper

pencils and erasers and pencil sharpener (with catch for shavings)

Geometers Tool Kit (compass, straight edge, protractor)

colored pencils

Geometry Class Rules and Procedures

Attendance

Mathematics is a challenging subject. One topic builds on another. Daily participation is a must. Do not get behind in your course work. Attendance is mandatory. The school has accepted rules and procedures for dealing with unexcused absences (cuts). Cuts and tardies will negatively affect your grade.

Grades and Homework

Grades are determined by chapter tests, the final exam, quizzes, notebooks, class participation, and projects. Geometry is a demanding college preparatory math course and requires at least 45 minutes of homework each night. Often you will be given class time at the beginning or at the end (or both) of the class period to work in groups and discuss a lesson. What you do not finish in class becomes homework. Homework is graded for completeness and your ability to show all of your work neatly. All problems assigned have answers that either appear in the back of your textbook or will be posted the next day. If you find you've made an error, rework the problem until you get the correct answer. By doing so you will discover errors before they become bad habits. Homework is the place for you to learn from your mistakes. If a quiz or a test is missed because of an excused absence, it is your responsibility to see me and set a date for a before or after-school make-up test within one week of your returning to class. If the test or the quiz is not made up during that time, you may receive a failing grade for that test or quiz.

Homework Grading Rubric

5 Points

All relevant work shown
All problems done or at least partially attempted
Written neatly in pencil
Corrected in class with a colored pen

4 Points

Most relevant work shown
All problems done or at least partially attempted
Written in pencil

3 Points

Half relevant work shown
At least half problems done or partially attempted
Written in pencil

2 Points

Only answers written down
Most of the assignment is completed
Written in pen

1 Point

Only answers written down
Only about half the assignment is completed
Written in pen

0 Points

Not turned in on due date
Not turned in next meeting day

Classroom Materials

Bring your notebook, geometry tools, calculator, textbook, and pencil to class every day unless told otherwise.

Classroom Management

While I am speaking to the class, I expect you to listen and not speak. When I am not addressing the class, you are free to move around as necessary (to sharpen pencils and so forth). When working in your groups I expect you to behave according to the norms of cooperative behavior. You are not to leave the classroom without my permission and pass.

Extra Help

I am available nearly everyday during 7th period, SDL, and after school, in room F-105. Help can also be received by appointment.

Grading: (Pluses and minuses are used within categories.)

Scale: 100%-93%=A
92%-90%=A-
89% - 83%=B
82% - 80%=B-
79% - 73%=C
72% - 70%=C-
69% - 63%=D
62% - 60%=D-
59% - 0 = F

Semester Grade: (60% Tests, Projects, and Quizzes; 25% Homework, Class Work, Participation, Notebooks; 15% Final Exam. **Note: These values are approximate and subject to change.**)

Student Contacts: Write down the names and phone numbers of at least three other students in the class, so that you have someone to call if you have questions or need help.

Phone_____

Phone_____

Phone_____

Please sign your name below to indicate that you have read and understood the rules of the class. Take this home and have at least one of your parents or guardians sign to indicate that she or he has read these rules. **Both signatures must be obtained.**

Signature of Student
guardian

Signature of parent or
guardian