

## Math 8 Disclosure Addendum

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### Expectations

Math 8 is an exploration of mathematical concepts such as Functions, Irrational Numbers and the Pythagorean Theorem. Expect me to help guide you in understanding as I expect you to come to class ready to engage yourself in the learning process.

### Grading

Quarter Grades will be based 80% on Assessments on the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Essential Standards and 20% assignments.

Numerical Value	What the Score Means
3	Standard Mastered—You have shown a significant amount of understanding.
2	Approaching Mastery—Based off effort and work shown, your understanding is near a Mastery Level. Extension of understanding is needed to show mastery.
1	Needs Remediation—There are big gaps in your understanding—re-teaching and re-examining will help you develop your knowledge of the standard.
0	Not Assessed

The Goal is to Master the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Standards. On each assessment, you will receive personalized feedback, which, if followed, will help your understanding of the specific standard develop.

### Portfolio –Essential Standard Tracker

Each student will have a portfolio—a portfolio that will be used to collect evidence of Standard Mastery. We will routinely (as student/teacher duo) go through your portfolio and discuss how we can help you achieve mastery. In the Portfolio will also be an Essential Standard Tracker (a copy of which you will be receiving to take home). This Tracker is a calendar, record-keeper, and a list of resources. It will help you be organized as we start working through the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum.

### Notes and Problem Set Packets

For each Unit, we will work through a Packet. In this packet, there will be notes, activities and problem sets. The problem sets should be completed daily to practice what we are learning in class. These packets are your first mode of defense in mastering the standards. At the back of these packets, there will also be a list of Khan Academy activities that will help you grow confident in the skills we learn.

### Khan Academy

Khan Academy is an online program that is set up to help students learn and master mathematical content. There are tutorials and practice sets. This program will be used routinely in class to remediate and to solidify understanding. Working through the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mission at home is a great way to help you better understand the concepts we are learning in class. This is also a great resource for parents who would like a refresher course in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math—your parent can create their own account and learn themselves. Please take a moment, logon and add me as a coach with the appropriate code.

Period	Coach Code	Period	Coach Code
1 <sup>st</sup>	FGM9VE	5 <sup>th</sup>	X38X9T
3 <sup>rd</sup>	ZPS9TA	6 <sup>th</sup>	2MBZUC
4 <sup>th</sup>	28CCQV	7 <sup>th</sup>	EERRWC

## Communication

The best way to communicate with me is through email, which I check routinely. We will also set up a Remind Classroom. This will allow me to instantly, securely and safely message our entire class. It also allows me to chat one-to-one with a student or parent. Students and parents have greatly appreciated this ability when working on a math problem at home. For more information about this tool, you can visit: <https://www.remind.com/learn-more>.

Please take a minute and join our class on Remind by texting the appropriate code to the number 81010.

(I will not have access to your number and you will not have access to mine.)

Period	Class Code	Period	Class Code
1	msallen1	5	msallen05
3	msallen3	6	msallen6
4	msallen4	7	msallen7

## Policies Specific to Our Class

*Attendance and Tardiness.* Because we value every minute of class time, those who are not in their seat (unless otherwise directed), and prepared for class, will be marked tardy.

*Calculators.* You will be assigned a specific calculator at the beginning of the year. It is your responsibility to alert me to any vandalism or tampering as soon as you see it, otherwise, you will be charged the fee as laid out in the Calculator Contract.

*Electronic Devices in Class.* Occasionally, electronic devices will be usable in class time. However, if not told otherwise, if I see them, I will take them away. After the first time, you will receive it back at the end of the period. After the second time, you will need to get it from the office at the end of the day. After the third time, you will receive an Administrative Referral.

## Resources

Khan Academy—as explained above.

District Website—<http://secondarymath.jordandistrict.org/parents-students/8th>

After-school Tutoring with Math Teachers—Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sincerely,

Ms. Allen

## Signature Page

*Student:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand the Classroom Norms and Policies. I understand that learning is my stewardship and I will do all I can to live up to my potential as I respect myself, my fellow classmates, and my teacher in this quest for discovery. I agree to the standards found in this document regarding class expectations and homework.

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Student Signature

Date

*Parent/Guardian:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the policies and know that if I have questions regarding my student's progress and their experience in the class, I will contact Mrs. Allen.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

## Parent/Guardian Contact Info:

Please take a few minutes to fill out this Google Form found via the website or QR code.

<http://tinyurl.com/allenwhms>

