

# MATHEMATICS

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Grades 6-8

Mathematics  
may not teach us how to  
add love or minus hate  
But it gives us every  
reason to hope that  
every problem has a  
SOLUTION...

**TESTS** are always announced and are worth 60% of the grade. All test material will be directly from information found in the textbook and class notes. Each graded test will be sent home for students to analyze their mistakes and complete an "Error Analysis" form, which will allow them to earn some points back. Class projects may also count as test grades. If absent, it is the ***student's responsibility*** to arrange a time to make up that test. At the end of the year, students will take the Diocesan End of the Year Math Test, which will count as a test grade for the fourth quarter.

**QUIZZES** will be administered every Friday (unless otherwise noted), and will be worth 20% of the grade. Material on these quizzes will include new concepts/skills that have been taught that week and will be cumulative throughout the year. This will help the students to prepare for the Diocesan Math Test. Additionally, students will have unannounced notebook quizzes to ensure that they stay up to date on their classroom notes. One quiz grade will be dropped from each student's grade each quarter. Binder grades are not eligible to be dropped.

**CLASSWORK** is worth 10% of the grade and includes completing daily problems in class, paying attention, answering questions, copying notes, asking questions, and correcting homework assignments. Students are expected to come to class prepared each day. Students that refuse to complete classwork assignments or do not participate in class may be given a Level 1 demerit.

**HOMEWORK** is crucial to understanding the material that is taught in this course, and is worth 10% of the grade. Since the best way to learn math is to practice frequently, homework will be given almost every night. Students will have the opportunity to make up missed work up until after ***ONE WEEK*** after the assignment's due date. After that time, no late work will be accepted. Homework will be checked randomly and will be graded according to a four-point rubric. For example:

- Completed to the best of a student's ability, on time: 4/4
- Complete to the best of a student's ability, late: 3/4
- Skipped the last few problems: 3/4
- Complete, no work shown: 2/4
- Late and incomplete: 2/4
- Not turned in after one week: 0/4

**NO EXTRA CREDIT WILL BE OFFERED.** Instead, keep up with your work, try your best on every homework assignment, ask questions when you have them, and take advantage of "Error Analysis" forms when possible.

\*Since organization and effort are critical to the learning process, students will be expected to maintain a neat and organized notebook. Students are expected to complete all of their notes and work in **pencil only**. When students are absent, it is ***their responsibility*** to gather and complete any work that was missed during that time. I appreciate your support in advance, and I am excited to begin another school year with all of you!

Thank you,

Shaina Dougherty