

## Math Steps for Success Mrs. Sykes

<u>Classroom expectations:</u> You will need to follow these simple steps in order to have a successful year in math:

- Be safe.
- Be respectful.
- Be responsible.

Supplies: You will need to bring the following EVERY day:

- Pencil and pen
- Math book
- Math 3-ring binder
- Completed assignment
   Failure to bring any of these items consistently could result in time after school!

Homework:

- A) All homework needs to be done in pencil. No pen please!
- B) We will check assignments together in class. Always have a pen to check your work.
- C) All home work needs a proper heading.

- D) It is really important to keep up on daily work. I expect you to come to class with your assignment completed. I WILL accept late papers. I will not, however, accept late work from a chapter once the chapter test has been given.
- E) In order to receive full credit for homework you must SHOW YOUR WORK! If you don't, you get to redo it!
- F) USE YOUR ASSIGNMENT BOOK EVERY DAY! The assignment will always be written on the white board on the top right side of the front of the room.

Grading:

<u>Formative Assessments</u> = 20 % of your grade. This is your <u>daily work</u>. You get full credit for homework if you complete it, show your work, and miss less than half. If you miss half or more, you will have to redo the problems missed. You are given full credit for redo papers.

Progressing Assessments = 30% of your final grade
These are your quizzes. You will be able to retake a quiz and will have
one week to do so. You must retake quizzes before or after school or
during study hall. I always take the higher score. You'll only have a week
to come in and retake any quiz.



<u>Summative Assessments</u> = 50% of your final grade. These are your <u>tests</u>.



You must score at least an 80% on tests. If you have an off day and score below 80%, you get to retake the test once you complete the reteaching session and correctives assignment! Actually, regardless of what you score, you may retake any test. I always take the higher of the two scores, and we always retake tests in class. You will have one week to retake a test if you don't have your correctives assignment finished or if you are absent the day of retakes.

## General Information:

It is my goal to update grades on the web at the end of each week. Sometimes this may not happen (i.e. the beginning of a new semester) because there may not be enough grades. It will be your responsibility to check your grades on the website, as I no longer send home hard copies of progress reports. Please feel free to email or call me if you ever have a question about a grade.



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Also, I strongly encourage students to PLEASE feel free to call me at home if you EVER need any help with an assignment. Please don't struggle needlessly on a problem(s). My home phone number is <u>402-989-4088</u>. Leave a message if I'm not home, and I'll get back to you! Also, I have a website that I encourage you to visit any time! You will find a lot of useful information there. You can also find the daily assignments there which I update on a weekly basis. There are also great links to all kinds of math websites with all kinds of cool activities. You'll find my site on the BMS home page.



We are fortunate to have our textbook online! You can find all kinds of useful information including tutorials, videos explaining every lesson, quiz/test practice, and fun activities to help you better understand math concepts. Don't want to drag your textbook home to do homework? Your entire math book is online! To access the online textbook and other resources, go to <a href="mailto:my.hrw.com">my.hrw.com</a> and log in with your personal login:



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Please feel free to let me know if you have any concerns or comments. If so, please call me or email me at <u>ssykes@bpsnebr.org</u>. Let's have a great year!

Thank you!