

Pleasant Grove Junior High School
Secondary 1 Honors
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Course Description

Secondary Mathematics 1 Honors is set-up to help students expand and solidify concepts learned in previous years. One focus will be to deepen the understanding of linear functions by comparing and contrasting them with exponential functions. A second focus will be to extend the understanding of geometric figures by looking at the specific properties of the figures.

Required Materials

1. 3-ring binder
 - One inch binder for math onlyOR
 - Two inch binder with a math section
2. Pens or pencils for in class work. Pencils are preferred.
3. Optional – Scientific Calculator (TI-30x) or Graphing Calculator (TI-84)
 - Casio Calculators are not allowed.

Grading Policies

Your grades will be based off of assignments (20%), Participation (10%), and assessments (70%). The grading scale will be as follows:

94-100% A	80-82.9% B-	67-69.9% D+
90-93.9% A-	77-79.9% C+	63-66.9% D
87-89.9% B+	73-76.9% C	Below 63% F
83-86.9% B	70-72.9% C-	

Grades will be updated on Skyward at least once a week, usually on Mondays.

Assignments

Assignments are assigned for practice and reinforcement of concepts discussed in class. They serve as an opportunity to ask questions and receive help that might be needed before the quizzes and tests. Homework is due at the beginning of the class period. Assignments may not be done in red pen.

Late or absent assignments done within a specific unit are due on or before the day of the Unit Test. This is the absolute deadline.

Active Participation

Actively participating in class will help you better understand the concepts we are studying in class. Active Participation includes: having a positive attitude, being on task, listening, asking and answering questions, taking class notes, and working with your assigned partner or

group. At the beginning of each term each student will receive 50 points and points will be deducted for inactive participation.

At the beginning of each class, students will be assigned a warm-up to do with their partner. These warm-ups will be based on what we have learned in class previously. This is a good tool for each individual student and partnership to be able to self-asses their understanding of concepts taught in class.

Occasionally, students will be assigned a “Self-Check” instead of a warm-up. A self-check is used to evaluate how prepared a student is for an upcoming quiz. The result of the self-check will determine part of the next assignment before the quiz.

You will use a notebook to stay organized for your core subjects. You will keep your math handouts and notes in the math section of your binder. The math section of your notebook will be checked at the end of the term for organization and content. If you miss a day, it is your responsibility to get a copy of the notes online or from Miss Jones.

Assessments

Assessments will be given periodically throughout each unit. These assessments may include: short “pop” quizzes, individual quizzes, partner quizzes, projects, and unit tests. Any student talking or caught cheating on the individual quizzes and tests will earn a zero and will not be allowed to retake the assessment. If you have an excused absence on the day of the quiz or test, you will be given one week to make it up. After that you will receive a zero. There will be no quiz retakes. Test retakes will be given on an individual basis. A student must be completely caught up will all homework to qualify for a retake. All retakes must be done within the week following the assessment.

Absent Work

If you are absent for a school activity or field trip, your assignment that is due the day of your absence is still due and must be turned in before you leave. Assignments will be posted on the website and on Skyward. You are responsible to find out what assignments you missed. All late/absent work is due before the unit

Questions and Help Sessions

I strongly encourage you to ask questions during class if you are struggling with what we are discussing. Chances are you are not the only one with the same question. I am also available before school starting at 7:30 a.m. and after school until around 3:45 p.m. to help with any questions you have. If you need to see me outside of those times, please contact me.

Extra Credit

Occasionally extra problems may be assigned to supplement low scores on assignments or quizzes. Unused “Field of Dreams” may be turned in at the end of the term for extra credit. You must be 100% caught up with all your work for the term to qualify for the extra credit.

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Your child’s enrollment in my class is an indication that the student and parent/guardian agree to all the terms stated in this document.