

Welcome to math! This is an exciting time to be a student at Roy Junior High. I want you to be able to succeed in this class so I have put together this disclosure statement for your benefit.

**Academic Grade:**

The academic grade for this class is made of participation (20%), homework (40%), and tests (40%).

**Grading Scale**

A 92-100%	B+ 88-89%	C+ 78-79%	D+68-69%
A- 90-91%	B 82-87%	C 72-77%	D 62-67%
	B- 80-81%	C- 70-71%	D- 60-61%
			F below 59%

**Assignments/Homework:**

- Assignments will be given at the end of each lesson and are due the next day. Students have one week from the due date to turn in any late assignments.
- Assignments will be graded and recorded in a timely manner.
- Assignments can be redone for a higher score if desired by student. Original score will be kept until assignment is redone. This is also to be completed one week from the due date or before the end of chapter test, whichever comes first.

**Tests:**

- A test will be given at the end of each unit/chapter in order to assess the students understanding of the material.
- Any missed tests must be made up one week from the original test date, before or after school.
- Tests are divided into skills. At the start of each unit, students will be given the list of skills for that unit. Each skill is worth about ten points (varies for later tests). Retakes can be done for certain skills, rather than the entire test. Any score at or below a 6/10 will be recorded as a 0/10 in the portal and will need to be retaken.

**Extra Credit:**

- This year we will be using a program called Alek's for extra credit ([www.aleks.com](http://www.aleks.com)).
- Alek's uses a pie chart to check progress aligned with the Utah Core Standards.
- After the initial pre-assessment, students can receive 5 extra credit points for every ten topics mastered (up to 50 points per quarter).
- This will be the only extra credit offered.

**Absent, late, and make up work:**

- No late work will be accepted after one week. Students are expected to be on task in the classroom during homework time.
- It is the students' responsibility to find out what they missed while absent. They can ask a friend, ask me, or check my blog.
- Any assignments due the day the student was absent will be due the day they return.

**Class Rules:**

- Students are expected to come to class prepared with textbook, calculator, pencil, and paper (in the form of a composition notebook). A simple four-function calculator will be enough to get them through the class. A scientific calculator is also a good option. Graphing calculators are NOT needed. Calculators on their phones are NOT acceptable. I do have a classroom set of calculators that can be checked out during class time ONLY.
- Unless specified by me, for the use in an activity, cell phones are not allowed in the classroom. If seen, the phone will be taken away. As per school policy, the phone will be returned at the end of the class period on the 1<sup>st</sup> offense, taken to the main office for parent pick up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, and taken to the main office for parent pick up (as well as student suspension) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> offense.
- Using a pencil is preferable in math but not required. There is a lot of erasing and correcting in math. Grading assignments is easiest when the work is legible.
- I try to give students class time at the end of a lesson to work on assignments. If this time is abused or not used to its fullest potential, it will be taken away.
- All school rules apply in the classroom. This includes the policies on dress code, electronic devices (including cell phones, tablets, laptops, etc.), appropriate language, and respect for others.
- Food is not allowed in the classroom. Drinks are allowed but a lid that twists on is required (no cans).
- Students must ask permission to use the hall pass. I am responsible for them when they are in the halls during my class time. The hall pass is a privilege, not a right. If this privilege is abused it will be taken away.
- Cheating is NOT tolerated. Any student or students caught cheating in any way will receive an F for that assignment or test (as well as a drop in citizenship) and it cannot be made up.
- During the year I will be correcting students' test. However, the students will be correcting their own homework assignments. This gives the students immediate feedback. I will record grades in a timely manner. No scores will be announced.
- Unless stated in a 504 plan, toys are not allowed in the classroom (including but not limited to: fidget spinners, teck decks, bouncy balls, etc.). They have become a distraction in the past and I hope to avoid that this year.

**Citizenship:**

- Citizenship will be determined according to the school's policy.
- Students' citizenship will be affected any time they choose to act inappropriately.
- Bad behavior for a substitute is unacceptable and the student will automatically receive an N or U for their citizenship.
- Math is a subject that builds on itself. As such, students are expected to stay up to date on homework. Three missing assignments will result in a drop of citizenship to an N. Six missing assignments will result in a drop of citizenship to a U. Special circumstances can be discussed for extended absences.
- Respect for others is expected. Citizenship will be dropped if disrespect is shown.
- Absolutely no foul or inappropriate language is allowed in the classroom. Any use of such language will result in a drop in citizenship.

Feel free to contact me at any time! I look forward to a wonderful year with you!

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I have read and understand this disclosure statement for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade math. I am aware of the policies and agree to support them. I understand I have the right to discuss anything stated in this document to better suit individual needs (please make an appointment to discuss any special needs).

**Student:** Print: \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact parent/guardian is: Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_