



Mathematics Syllabus

For Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2
Mr. Joseph Backus, Kellwood School



Supplies:

- **Students provide their own pencils.**

Classroom Structure: Please see the student handbook for attendance, grading, and general guidelines. Within the classroom, the class also follows the STARR structure (Safety, Tolerance, Achievement, Respect, and Responsibility).

Grades: Students are graded per class meeting, not per assignment. They can earn 0-10 points per class meeting (Multiply points for the Friday 4 hour block class) for their quality, quantity, honest, and original work; and participating in note-taking, discussions, questioning, hands-on training, and general practicing of mathematics. Math Exam Days are worth more in points (50 or 100 points).

The whole learning process counts. Just because a student shows-up, doesn't mean the student earns points; it is just like being at a job. One has to earn their pay (Points). Work, Effort, and Focus = points; No Work, No Effort, No Focus = No points. Attendance is very important.

Students can track their grades through Student/Parent Portal. They are to set up accounts with the career resource room if they do not have an account already. Grades are calculated by taking the amount of points earned divided by the total amount of points offered.

- Students must be present for and take the Final Exams (mandatory exams) or they automatically fail the course.

Make up work and Make up Exams:

- Mr. Backus stays only after school on Thursdays up to 4 pm for make up time (especially for make up exams). Students can make up work/exams during Thursday Seminar class. Also, Students can make up assignments at home. Plenty of make up opportunities.

Students are strongly encouraged to be **PRESENT** for Math Exam Days.

- The Fall Math Exam Days are scheduled for Thursdays: Oct 1st (100), Oct 22nd (50), Dec 3rd (100), Dec 17th (100), and Jan 14th (50). Exams for the Friday blocks classes vary due to the on-line/internet nature of the course.

Students are allowed to make up class work points at home, but may not earn some points due to lack of participation in listening during note-taking, discussions, questioning, or hands-on practicing of mathematics that occurred for that day [a.k.a. lost pay].

- Cut-off dates for make-up occur at report card marking ending dates.



Final transcript grade: Determined by the following formula:

1st report card grade: 40%, 2nd report card grade: 40%, Final Exam: 20%

<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Numeric % range</i>
A	92-100
A-	90-91
B+	88-89
B	82-87
B-	80-81
C+	78-79
C	72-77
C-	70-71
D+	68-69
D	62-67
D-	60-61
F	59 or below

Course Contents: The topics for each math class are based on the Common Core State Standards. Remember the Goal: 4-years of math credits.

_____	_____	_____
Student Name-Print	Student Name-Sign	Date
_____	_____	_____
Parent/Guardian-Print	Parent/Guardian-Sign	Date

(_____) _____	_____
Parent/Guardian contact number	Parent/Guardian email contact

Please sign and return to Mr. Backus ASAP. This is a twenty point (20-point) assignment. Keep one copy at home; only return one copy to Mr. Backus.

Thank you and let us have a successful school year.

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