

Honors Geometry -Room 429

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1. Coming and Going

You are expected to be in the classroom and in your seat ready to work when the bell rings to avoid being tardy. If students are repeatedly tardy to class, they will be handled according to the student handbook.

2. Classroom Conduct and Materials

Common courtesy is a **MUST** in this class. There is an expectation of respect toward your fellow classmates as well as myself. Please be attentive while the teacher or another student is speaking. This is essential, as you will be learning a lot from your classmates. Students will have to do work on the board to help with group learning. Please raise your hand when you have a question or wish to contribute to the class.

I expect that you come to class prepared to learn. This means that you arrive on time with your book, 3 ring binder, and a pencil **EVERY** class. Students are expected to supply their own scientific calculator which they will use almost every class, but a TI 83 or TI 84 graphing calculator is recommended as an investment for not only this class but **ALL** other math classes. We will be doing constructions and drawings throughout the year. While I will provide rulers, protractors and compasses for in class activities, having these tools at home may be beneficial if you need to continue some work outside of class.

Food and drinks will not be permitted during class. Water is the only exception. If you come to class with anything besides water, it will be left in the front of the room for the duration of the period.

3. Grading (Subject to change)

Quarter Grades will be calculated as follows:

Homework- 20%

Quizzes- 40%

Tests- 40%

Homework will be assigned almost every night. I may perform spot checks on homework as well as collect it. Spot checks are when I walk around the room looking quickly at a couple problems to see how thoroughly they have been done. You should attempt all problems and show all work to receive full credit. If you are unable to do a problem you should write down a question that when answered would allow you to finish. Do not leave problems blank.

Quizzes and tests are given throughout the year to individually assess your comprehension of the material. Quizzes may be announced or unannounced. Tests will always be announced so that students can prepare, and seek extra help if needed. Showing all work on tests and quizzes is **REQUIRED** for credit.

Your final average will be determined through the following weights:

Quarter 1- 25%

Quarter 2- 25%

Quarter 3- 25%

Quarter 4- 25%

4. Academic Integrity

Written work on **all** course assignments must be done **individually**. This includes, but is not limited to, homework questions or problems, quizzes and tests. In general, it is acceptable to seek help and discuss assignments with your peers, but when you are ready to formulate your written response, this must be done **on your own**. This is the difference between *working together* and *copying*. Copying from another source, such as another student's work or information found on the Internet, without citing that source, is **plagiarism**. Any incidents will result in a grade of zero for the assignment and a call home.

5. Make Up Work

If you are absent from a class it is **your responsibility** to find out what you missed before the next class. Work due on the day of an absence must be completed by the next class. If an extenuating circumstance arises, special arrangements may be made. If you miss a quiz or a test you have **ONE WEEK** to schedule a make up time with me or it will become a **ZERO!!!**