Course Information

Description

In Math 7, you will learn about a variety of topics. You will build on some skills that you have learned already. You will also learn new types of math and new ways of looking at math. The topics covered will focus on helping you learn some key math skills:

I am developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships.

I am developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations.

I can work with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume.

I can draw inferences about populations based on samples.

Assignments

Assignments from the workbook and worksheets will be given on a daily basis. Most Assignments will be available on the class website. Unless otherwise noted, assignments will be due at the beginning of class on the next class day.

Tests/Quizzes

Test and Quizzes will be given regularly. Tests are designed to assess your understanding of the Essential Skills. Tests can be taken up to three times. All assignments must be turned in before you can attempt a retake. Quizzes will be given frequently. Missed quizzes cannot be made up but your lowest 2 quiz scores will be dropped from your grade.

Essential Skills

Provo School District has identified a set of essential skills associated with each math course. Daily learning targets are designed to help you master these skills. The *Essential Mathematics Skills List* is available on the district website and will be linked from the class website.

Grades				
<u>Grade Breakdown</u>		<u>Grade</u>	<u>Scale</u>	<u>Passing Essentials</u>
Assignments	30 %	Α	93 % – 100 %	At the end of the term, any students
Quizzes	20 %	A –	90 % – 92.9 %	who have demonstrated mastery in
Tests	50 %	B +	87 % – 89.9 %	the Essential Mathematics Skills
		В	83 % – 86.9 %	covered during the quarter will receive
Incomplete Grades		B –	80 % – 82.9 %	a passing grade. If they have a grade
Students who earn less than		C +	77 % – 79.9 %	percentage below 70%, they will
60% credit at the end of the		С	73 % – 76.9 %	receive a C- for the term grade.
quarter and do not pass all		C —	70 % – 72.9 %	
the <i>Essential Skills</i> tests will		D +	67 % – 69.9 %	Support Class
receive an incomplete grade.		D	63 % – 66.9 %	Students who are not passing may be
		D-	60 % – 62.9 %	required to add a support class.

Classroom Expectations

Attendance

Attend class daily. Please make all efforts to be in your seat when the bell rings. If you arrive after the bell rings, sign in on the sign-in sheet. If you do not sign in, you will be marked absent for the day.

Preparation

You are recommended to come to class prepared with *pencil*, *paper* (notebook), school planner, completed assignments, and any other materials that you will need during class. Sharpen you pencil during the passing period. Always follow the school dress code. Turn cell phones off and leave other distracting items at home or in your locker. Please keep food and drink outside the classroom. Water bottles are alright.

Hall Pass

You should always remain in class during class time. Get materials from your locker and use the bathroom during the passing period *between* classes. Except for emergencies, you may not use the hall pass during the first and last ten minutes of class.

Hall passes cost extra credit points. If you do not have enough points remaining for a hall pass you may chose a lunch detention if you still need a hall pass.

Work Ethic

Students are expected to put in full effort in class. Ultimately, *you* are responsible for putting in the effort necessary to achieve *your* successful education. On individual assignments, you should do all of your own work. You can always seek help as long as you ultimately do your own work.

You are not expected to understand math without receiving help to learn it. Many resources are available and *using these resources* makes your work easier. I am always available to give you help if you are having trouble. I stay after school to help students most days. The late bus is available to take students home if they stay after. Always remember, *think smarter*, *not harder*.

Citizenship

Always practice responsible citizenship. This means you should always try to follow school and classroom rules. Show respect for other students *at all times*. Your citizenship practices can affect your participation grade. They can also affect your standing in class or in the school.

Discipline

Discipline will be handled on a case by case basis depending on the degree of inappropriate behavior. **Bullying will never be tolerated**. Discipline for inappropriate behavior can include *loss of extra credit points, contact and involvement of parents, lunch detention, after school detention,* and *referral to administration*. I will only use disciplinary action when it is necessary to change a behavior, not as a punishment.

My requirement for each student is that we have a positive and safe classroom environment where discipline is minor or not necessary. The goal is to help all of you learn math skills, life skills, and become responsible citizens.

Extra Credit

Each quarter every student will receive 40 extra credit points. You may choose to keep these points or lose these points. Points can be spent on hall passes. Points can be lost for disruptive behavior. These points will apply to the grade at midterm. Each quarter, there will be an additional opportunity for students to earn 10 extra credit points. For grade calculation, each extra credit point is worth one half of an assignment point.

Resources

Class Website

Class Website: cms.themathhall.com

Please become familiar with the website. Announcements and other important information will be posted on the website. The website has resources to help students. The website has a class calendar that includes Daily Learning Targets and printable handouts and worksheets.

Textbook

Textbook: Go Math - Middle School Grade 7

You will receive your own copy of the workbook. This book includes an extensive online version with more resources. At your request, I will set up your account for online access at *my.hrw.com*. There are many extra resources available on the online version.

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Attendance information will be updated daily. If you come late you may be marked absent until I can update attendance from the sign-in sheet at the end of the day. Grades will be updated as often as possible. Grades will always be fully updated every weekend and will be current Monday morning.

Parents

Please feel free to contact me whenever you need to. I will always try to reply as quickly as possible. I am not usually available to answer my classroom phone when class is in session but I will check messages at the end of each day. **The best way to contact me is by email**. There is also a contact page on the class website.

Email: jeffersonh@provo.edu

Confirmation

Parents:

Please go to the class website to confirm that you have read and are familiar with this document. This confirmation is the 10 point extra credit for 1st term.

- Go to cms.themathhall.com
- From the *Home* Screen, click on *Disclosure Document* in the side panel.
- Fill in your information and submit.