

Math with Mrs. Gaines

Course Overview

Class Info:

To find all current information about this class, use the class Schoology site. Parents can find general class info at GainesParentInfo.weebly.com

Classroom Structure

Our classroom is designed to be interactive, collaborative, and cooperative. Each day we work together to solve challenging problems with sound reasoning and depth of understanding. This format will not only help students master the mathematical concepts, but also promote development of the 21st Century skills need to be successful in life, college and/or the work force.

Course Content

The Ohio learning standards for mathematics inform my instruction. If you would like more information regarding the state standards, please visit: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohios-Learning-Standards/Mathematics>

Homework

This year the vast majority of homework will be assigned through ALEKS. ALEKS is an online mathematics learning system that tailors instruction and practice to each individual student's knowledge base. It covers the topics learned up to and through this year.

Each student is responsible for completing 8 ALEKS topics each week, due every Monday.

Participation

Because of the collaborative nature of the coursework, it is of utmost importance that students are always engaged with the material when working in their group, during whole class instruction, and in one on one interactions. This includes providing input, participating equally in problem discussions, and cooperating with group members.

Grading

The final grade reflects the level of mathematical knowledge acquired by each student. To reflect the level of student mastery, the majority of a student's grade will be comprised of the Individual Assessment average.

Please check your grade on Power School often during the quarter. If there is ever a question or discrepancy, it is your responsibility to come see me to fix the problem *within 1 school day of the grade posting*.

Category	Percent of Grade
Individual Assessment (individual tests, ALEKS, etc.)	70%
Collaborative Assessment (team tests, classwork, projects, etc.)	30%

Attendance:

- **Arrive on time**

All tardies will be recorded and consequences will be assigned for excessive tardiness.

- **Limit absences**

If you must be absent from class, please make every effort to inform me prior to your absence if possible. It is your responsibility to present me with your pass and inform me of your return. Please use the class Schoology site to find missing work and prepare for any missed assessments.

Assignments (homework, class work, quizzes, tests, and projects)

- **Complete all assignments fully and thoughtfully**

I only give assignments that I find essential to the coursework, therefore, if you do not complete an assignment, you are missing out on an integral part of the coursework, and incomplete assignments will be reflected in your grade.

- **Turn in assignments on time**

All deadlines are broadcast well ahead of time, so please practice good time management. If you are struggling to complete an assignment, please let me know so I can help you be successful in this class.

- **Make up all missed assignments**

In the event you are absent, you will certainly miss assignments. Anything you missed will be listed on the class Schoology site. It is your responsibility to check there and to come see me when you return so I may go over what was missed and set up time to make up classwork, quizzes, or tests.

****Long term assignments will not be given additional time due to absences****

Supplies

- **Bring all necessary supplies to class everyday**

- Your binder that contains all math material (worksheets, classwork, etc.)
- Your math workbook
- 2 pencils (w/erasers!)
- Blank graph paper

Electronics

- **Use technology appropriately**

- All hardware and software may only be used for accessing material for use in class as directed by Mrs. Gaines.
- Student owned electronics: If a student is using their electronics for any other purpose than what was directed by the teacher, the item will be confiscated and the student will be written up. Additionally, Mrs. Gaines is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged electronics.
- School owned electronics: If a student is using school technology for any other purpose than what was directed by the teacher, suspension from use of those electronics, detention, or other consequences could result.

Discipline

- **Follow directions given in class**

Any disruptive behavior will be dealt with following the school-wide discipline plan:

- 1st infraction: Verbal Correction
- 2nd infraction: Parent Phone Call
- 3rd infraction: After School Detention (and parent phone call)
- 4th infraction: After School Detention (and parent phone call)
- 5th infraction: Office Referral (and parent phone call)

Plagiarism

- **Do your own work**

Plagiarism, cheating or academic dishonesty is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Any of these actions will result in a zero grade for the assignment, a meeting with the student and parent(s), and a write up.

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Please return this signed sheet to Mrs. Gaines by:

Monday, August 20, 2018

By signing below, I certify that I have read and understand all guidelines, expectations, and course info, and consequences for Mrs. Gaines' Core Math 8 class as listed in "Math with Mrs. Gaines, Classroom Guidelines and Expectations."

Student: _____ Date _____

Parent or guardian: _____ Date _____

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*****Parents!! Please go to goo.gl/uNqwVt and fill out the parent info form ASAP! Thank you!*****