

Class Overview:

The RR Geometry course follows the CASD curriculum, which is aligned with the Pennsylvania State Standards. We will be using Geometry packets for each unit throughout the year. Handouts will be provided at the beginning of each chapter and should be brought to class each day. Textbooks will be kept in class for reference and practice.

STEPS FOR SUCCESS

- **COME TO CLASS ON TIME.** In a class as sequential as Geometry, any absence from class or any part of class disrupts the continuity of the learning process. If an absence is unavoidable, make every attempt to do the lesson and the homework before returning to class. Poor attendance can adversely affect your grade.
- **RESPECT, THINK, COMMUNICATE, AND ACT CONSTRUCTIVELY**
- **BE PREPARED.** Make sure you have all supplies each day. Have your homework completed every day. You will not be allowed to go to your locker for supplies or assignments. Class will begin on time.
- **PARTICIPATE IN CLASS.** Take notes. What may seem clear in class may not be so clear when you sit down to do your homework. You can refresh your memory from your notes. Ask questions!!!!!! **MATH IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT!** As we go over homework in class be sure to make corrections on your homework. This will help you on your quizzes and tests.
- **MAKE UP WORK PROMPTLY.** Students are solely responsible for staying up-to-date with material. **Make arrangements to see your teacher when you return to school. IF YOU ARE ABSENT THE CLASS PERIOD BEFORE THE QUIZ OR TEST (the review day), YOU WILL TAKE THE QUIZ OR TEST WITH THE CLASS.**
- **FOLLOW SCHOOL RULES.** Follow rules as outlined in the student handbook. These rules are enforced in class. I-pods, cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices are not permitted.
- **EXTRA HELP.** Resources are always available. I am usually available prior to the start of school from 7:20 AM to 7:50 AM. Be on the lookout for me to post office hours when you can come and meet with me. Work with other students, or make an appointment with the teacher. Do not wait until test time to get help. **PLAN AHEAD.**

NOTIFICATION OF PROGRESS

Students and Parents will be notified every 4 weeks of the student's progress. This is done through quarterly reports and report cards. You do not have to rely on these times though. Homelogic is always available and I keep my grades quite up to date. Checking progress is as easy as logging onto the computer. There is no excuse for not knowing what a grade is. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Grading Policy:

Many different types of assessments will be used to assess your mastery of the information being presented. You should expect to be graded on tests, quizzes, homework, and classwork. At the end of each marking period, I do give you a grade on class attendance and participation. This grade usually helps your grade. However, if you just sit in class and never participate, or if you have a bad attitude, or if you skip or miss several classes, this grade can hurt you.

The grading policy is pretty simple.

1. Each assignment is worth a certain amount of points.
2. I then take the total points possible and divide it by the total points received. This results in the final grade that you receive on the progress reports and report cards.
 - a. I don't do anything tricky or complicated like making different assessments count more than others. Each assignment is what it is.

Homework Policy:

I assign homework not because I'm some mean grouch who loves making your lives miserable. I assign homework because Math is NOT a spectator sport. I provide you with the foundation during class, but then you need to build upon that foundation by completing the outside work. Math is just like any other skill, if you do not practice it, you will not be good at it.

I'm not going to give you unnecessary assignments, but in return I EXPECT that you do complete the assignments when they are given.

My policy on homework is that it is turned in when it is due – At the beginning of class on the due date. I do accept late assignments, but the assignment will only receive half credit. So turn it in, even if it is late, because, "It's better late than never".

More Guidelines:

****Get to class On Time please.** I expect to start class once the bell rings.

****Do not ask me to use the restroom, while I am teaching.** I understand there are instances in which emergencies arise, but don't think that means every day.

****Here's what I have to say about the vending machines:**

- I don't care if you eat or drink in the classroom; just make sure that you clean up after yourself. Also, do not let the eating or drinking become a distraction to the class environment.
- DO NOT come late and say that you were waiting at the vending machines. You will not be allowed to consume your product if this is the case.

You will find that I am pretty straight forward and don't pull a lot of punches. I like to have fun and joke around, but I do not put up with idiotic behavior. If you follow my guidelines and do your part this year, you will be successful.

MAKE IT HAPPEN!!!

“Initiative is doing the right thing without being told.”

-Victor Hugo

