

# Ms. Hake's 7th Grade Math Syllabus

## (signing and returning optional for a S.K.Y. buck)

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\*Canvas inbox is the quickest way to reach me outside of school

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*You can try then "fail", but you will never TRULY fail unless  
you fail to try.*

### **Description of Course:**

This 7th grade math class is based on Arizona's College and Career Readiness Standards and the Deer Valley Unified School District (DVUSD) Curriculum. The curriculum includes the following domains: The Number System, Expressions and Equations, Functions, Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. The Standards for Mathematical Practice are embedded in all the domains. Here is a link to our curriculum:

<https://access.openupresources.org/curricula/our6-8math-v3>

### **To be successful in this class, you should:**

- Practice reading/following directions completely and carefully
- Listen while I am speaking
- Check your grades once a week and always treat your current grade as if we will not have any more assignments before report cards are sent home- extra credit is not an option to save your grade at the end of the quarter, so make sure you redo assignments for full credit if you notice you received a bad score
- Take every opportunity to learn WHY you got an answer wrong
- TALK TO ME IF YOU ARE HAVING ANY ISSUES

- This includes math issues/questions AND class and school issues. I am here for you and I want to emphasize that I always want you to feel comfortable speaking to me about any problems that may hinder your ability to succeed in my class, and in life.

### **Supplies to Bring to Class Everyday:\***

- 1 inch binder
- A pencil
- Fully charged Chromebook + Charger

\*if you need assistance in obtaining any of these items, please let me know

### **Grading: (District Policy)**

- Lowest possible grade: 49%
- Coursework: 20% of grade
  - Work done in class, such as worksheets
  - Work not completed in class is considered homework
  - ALL COURSEWORK CAN BE RETRIED UNTIL 100% IS EARNED
- Assessments: 80% of grade
  - Assess student learning, such as tests/quizzes
  - FOR MANY ASSESSMENTS, RETAKES ARE PERMITTED

### **Late/Missing Work**

All assignments should be turned in on time. Math concepts build upon each other and turning work in late could hinder students' learning of the concepts being taught. This could mean a lower level of understanding the 7th grade math standards and lower performance on assessments which severely affects their overall grade. However, I will still accept late work for credit-students who have missing work they would like to turn in can do so until 1 week after the unit test of the unit they are wanting to turn in missing work for.

Absent Work: All work done in class while a student is absent can be made up- just reach out if extra guidance is needed

### **Canvas:**

In this class, Canvas is an application that can not be used to check grades (that would be PowerSchool), but can be used to keep track of the work we are doing in class. This is a great place to start if a student was physically (or mentally) absent from class and wants to see what exactly we did/learned in class that day. Students can also find extra supplemental videos on Canvas to help with understanding concepts we are learning. Additionally, most assignments are turned in digitally to Canvas.

Parents can create a Canvas parent account to observe progress, view grades and sign up to receive teacher announcements and notifications. Observers can link their Canvas account to their student's account so they can see assignment due dates, announcements, and other course content. Observers can view the course content but cannot participate in the course. When your student logs into Canvas, he/she should go to "account", then "settings", then "pair with observer" and this will give you a code where you can link your parent account to your student's account.

### **Goblins:**

Goblins is our new, AI powered, math intervention application. This will be utilized in school, but can be accessed at home on any mobile device or computer at any time for extra math practice. Goblins can also be used to assist (without just giving the answer) in solving problems from class assignments using the "Upload Problem" feature.

### **Checking Grades:**

As math can be a tough subject for many students, I suggest parents and students check their grades in PowerSchool at least once a week. I have a tendency to grade quickly- I am just as eager as you, if not more, to see how your grade changes after every assignment!

## **FLASH**

FLASH is a 30 minute intervention time that we will have after 3rd hour and before 4th hour daily. During this time, students will attend the classes they need extra support in.

## **Cell Phones:**

It is school policy that phones are powered off and in students' backpacks at all times on campus. It is school policy for staff to have students bring their cell phone to the office if it is brought out of their backpacks.

## **Plagiarism**

All tasks should be completed by the student. Any practice and/or assessment that has been plagiarized (copied) from any source i.e. apps that give answers, other students, or the internet may receive consequences as noted in the district policies and the student may have to complete an alternative task to demonstrate his/her knowledge. This includes getting answers from others off of social media applications. Turning in work that is NOT your own IS plagiarism.

## **A Surprise For Your Student**

Sometimes as an incentive to fully read directions and passages on assignments, I hide opportunities to make extra S.K.Y. bucks (our school currency for good behaviors) within the text. If you are reading this before August 8th, 2025, no need to have your student bring back a physical signature. Just have your student tell me the answer to  $45 + 22$  in class and they will get TWO S.K.Y. bucks that they can save, spend in my classroom, or spend at our campus S.K.Y. buck store.

## **A.I.**

After careful consideration and in alignment with the developmental needs of our students and the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), DVUSD has determined that the use of Large Language Models (LLMs), such as

ChatGPT, are not suitable for students in grades K-8 and will not be utilized or endorsed in academic contexts.

To be college-, career-, and community-ready, students in the Deer Valley Unified School District are expected to demonstrate academic integrity. Academic integrity is all about being honest and fair in your schoolwork. It means doing work that is entirely your own and giving credit to others (including generative Artificial Intelligence tools) through proper citation when you use their ideas or words.

**Please Sign and Return By August 8th:**

**(No printing needed! Signing a separate piece of paper is okay!)**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_