Sinaloa Middle School

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Dear Sinaloa Middle School Family,

I hope all of you enjoyed your 2026 summer break and spent a great amount of time with all of your family.

Welcome to Math 180! I am Carlos A. Leon, and I will be your child's math teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.

Teacher's Expectations to Students

All students will be taught 7th grade math standards as required by the state of California using real-life situations in order to better understand the analytical understanding of the given math concepts. My goal is for students to be prepared for higher grade math, and to be able to apply what they learned in their future (i.e. professional business, finances, etc.)

Students will be taught the following math concepts for this school year – (1) integers, (2) rational numbers, (3) expressions/equations, (4) inequalities, (5) ratios/proportions, (6) percentages, (7) constructions/scales, (8) circles, (9) surface areas/volumes, and (10) probabilities/statistics.

Grades will be given as following: A+ to A (100% to 90%), B+ to B (89% to 80%), C+ to C (79% to 70%), D+ to D (69% to 60%), and F (59% and below).

In my class, I am fair and want my students to succeed. I grade on all classwork assignment, exams/tests, and give extra credit when necessary. I care about my students and want them to understand and learn, and I am here to support them.

I do not believe in giving homework because students have extracurricular activities (or spend time with love ones) and do not want them to possibly sacrifice rest/sleep time to finish their work. In addition, I want to be available to possibly help understand the current lesson and answer all questions so students do not learn to do the problem wrong. If that happens, it is more difficult to unlearn a student from the wrong method and re-teach.

School/Campus Expectations & Procedures

All school rules must be followed and enforced for the safety of the students and environment. All Sinaloa Middle School families have received the Sinaloa handbook; this year new rules have been included, such as:

- **Pants worn below the waist** (whether or not undergarments are exposed) are **not permitted;**
- To protect our school environment, **permanent markers of any kind, aerosol cans and glass containers** (cologne, perfume, etc.) are **not permitted and will be confiscated**. These items will not returned to the students and must be claimed by the parent in the main office.
- **Cell phones are NOT to be visible during school hours, and NEVER anywhere except at the front of the school as designated by our signs**;
- Students may **not sell candy, soda, or other items for personal gain or profit**. Students are also **not allowed to give prohibited items to others, such as energy drinks, sodas, and junk food**; and
- Students are **asked to keep hands to themselves**. **Hugging and kissing is not acceptable for young adolescent children on a middle school campus. Students will be counseled, parents contacted and disciplinary action taken.**

Classroom Expectations & Procedures

Classroom Rules

To help ensure a successful, respectful, and productive learning environment, all students are expected to:

1. **Respect others, themselves, and property.**
2. **Follow directions and the CHAMPS guide each day for success.**
3. **Bring all necessary materials to class each day.**
4. **Be on time, sitting down before the class bell rings, and ready to learn at the start of class (with all materials out) or marked as tardy.**
5. **Focus on learning by limiting distractions and putting forth their best effort.**

When Expectations Are Not Met

If a student struggles to follow these expectations, the following steps will be taken:

- **Step 1: Verbal Warning** – A reminder of the expectation.
- **Step 2: Private Conference** – The student will meet briefly with the teacher to discuss the concern.
- **Step 3: Guardian Contact** – If the behavior continues or is disruptive to others, a conference with the student's guardian(s) will be requested.
- **Step 4: Referral** – A referral to a counselor or administrator may be made depending on the severity or repetition of behavior.
- **Note:** Citizenship grades are directly affected by classroom behavior.

When Expectations Are Met or Exceeded

Students who consistently follow rules or go above and beyond will be recognized in the following ways:

- **Verbal and Written Affirmation** – Praise in class and/or written positive notes.
- **Positive Communication Home** – Emails or phone calls will be made to share good news.
- **Bonus Points** – For excellent behavior or consistent effort.
- **Positive Referrals** – To administration or counselors to recognize outstanding citizenship.
- **Class Privileges** – Such as participation in games, interactive activities, and classroom rewards.
- **Note:** Positive behavior also boosts citizenship grades.

Required Daily Materials

Students are expected to bring the following items to class each day:

- **Notebook or binder with paper for notes and assignments**
- **Pencils, pens, and/or markers for notes and assignments**
- **Any current assignment or reading material**
- **Planner or agenda (if applicable)**
- **A positive attitude and readiness to learn!**

Student Grades

- Students earn grades - students may show mastery of content by completing class work correctly, and by how they perform on assessments.
- Late work is accepted up to one week after the due date without penalty.

- Students may re-take assessments throughout the semester to show increased understanding of material. All make-up tests must be completed by at **least one week** before the last day of the semester, to allow time for grading.

    - **PLEASE NOTE:** Make-up testing will not be permitted if a student receives a **"C" or better** on a quiz or test. In higher-level math courses, make-up tests are also not permitted when a student earns a **"C" or better**. To help prepare your child for the expectations of higher-level math courses, the same policy will apply in this class.

Throughout the year, if you have any questions and/or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me; I am at your service.

I look forward to having a great academic and social year at Sinaloa Middle School!

Sincerely,

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