Sinaloa Middle School
A California School To Watch
A California Gold Ribbon School
2026-2027

TEACHER'S NAME: **MR. LEEDS**
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COURSE TITLE: **8th Grade Common Core, Algebra, and Geometry**
School Website: **Sinaloa.simivalleyusd.org**

I. A Short Biography of Mr. Leeds

This is Mr. Leeds' 29th year at Sinaloa. He enjoys spending time with his family, reading, playing games, and solving math problems. There are 10 kinds of people in the world; those that understand binary and those that don't.

II. Course Standards/Objectives

Educational standards describe what students should know and be able to do in each subject in each grade. In California, the State Board of Education decides on the standards for all students, from kindergarten through high school. Information regarding specific standards can be found at www.cde.ca.gov.

III. Classroom Rules and Student Responsibilities

In this classroom…

1. Students are expected to abide by the Sinaloa Code of Behavior that promotes an atmosphere that is conducive to learning.
2. Students are expected to be punctual, respectful and courteous.
3. Students need to be in their assigned seat and ready for work by the time the tardy bell **begins to ring**.
4. Students need to complete assignments before class starts on the day it is due to receive full credit. Late work will be accepted for partial credit if turned in after the due date by the end of the unit.
5. Students need to raise their hand and wait to be called on to speak.
6. Positive behaviors and participation will be rewarded with exceptional citizenship grades and positive phone calls home.
7. Negative student behavior will lower their citizenship grade and could result in lost learning time, a lower participation grade, and a phone call home.

It is the student's responsibility to be prepared for class each day. Suggested materials are pencils, lined paper, and graph paper. If you are unable to get materials, please see the teacher so a plan can be put into place to ensure students are prepared for class each and every day!

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For more information on schoolwide policies and expectations, please review the agenda book, viewable online at sinaloa.simivalleyusd.org.

IV. Grading Policy

The student's degree of mastery of the California Academic Standards is the critical element in determining the letter grade in this class. Your student will demonstrate mastery in this class by…

1. Performance on assessment tests
2. Completion of daily assignments
3. Engaging in daily note-taking
4. Classroom participation

Grades in this class will be based on a total point system. This means that every point is important. In the Sinaloa Middle School Mathematics Department the standard grading scale is:

90% and above = A
80% to 89% = B
70% to 79% = C
60% to 69% = D
59% or below = Fail

V. Homework Policy

Homework is assigned frequently as the extra practice helps to achieve mastery of the material. The assignment must be completed before the following school day for full credit. The students may complete the assignment after the due date for partial credit up to the end of the quarter.

VI. Tardy and Absence Policies

School Tardy Policy: On-time arrival at every class is a component of school citizenship. More than 3 tardies to class each quarter will result in an "N" (Needs improvement) citizenship grade. More than 4 tardies to class will result in a "U" (Unsatisfactory) grade in Citizenship.

A. **Students must make up ALL work due to absences. <u>Failure to make up work results in zeroes.</u>** Zeroes are averaged into the student's overall grade.
B. Students must make up all tests, quizzes, daily assignments, and special projects.
C. If the student requires extra help from the teacher, it is the responsibility of the student to arrange time by making an appointment with the teacher.
D. It is the responsibility of the student and the parent to arrange for transportation home if the student stays after school for instruction.
E. It is the responsibility of the student to either (a) check with Google Classroom to see what work was missed or (b) ask Mr. Leeds for the missing assignments.
F. Student's who were absent must make up work before the end of the unit. The completed assignment must be shown to the teacher for credit before it is turned in with any other assignments at the end of the unit.

V. Communication

If you ever need to get ahold of Mr. Leeds with any questions, comments, or concerns, please send an email to david.leeds@simivalleyusd.org. Mr. Leeds might need to reach out to you during the school year, so please make sure Aeries has your up-to-date contact information (phone and email).