

ADVANCED MATH 7

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Welcome to Advanced Math 7! You will engage in problem solving related to the Common Core State Standards for 7th grade **AND** 8th grade. During class time, you will receive direct instruction as well as work cooperatively to expand your mathematical knowledge and refine your problem solving skills. This is an accelerated course to prepare students to **potentially** take Algebra the following academic year. The factors used to determine placement in Algebra will be performance scores throughout the year as well as the end-of-year District final based on this course material.

Course Textbook:

EdGems Course 2 Accelerated
Student Access: www.edgems.com

Keys to Success...the 5 P's:

- **Prompt** - Be on time and ready to learn.
- **Prepared** – Bring your stuff!
- **Polite** - Respect the learning of others, property, our time, and yourself.
- **Participate** - Start warm-ups right away, do class activities/notes, practice with HW, come in for help if needed, ask questions, discuss math when given the opportunity, be present and try your best!
- **Persevere** - Keep trying even when problems are challenging...don't give up!!

Materials needed EVERY DAY:

Provided by Student	Provided by Teacher
Graph Paper Spiral Notebook (1 subject)	Explore Booklet
Pencils and erasers	HW Stamp Sheet
Basic Scientific Calculator (for some topics)	Warm-up Sheet
iPad (with e-book)	Class calculators available in class

Need Help??

If a student needs extra help or needs to make up work/tests, I'm available during the following times **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Make sure to get a pass ahead of time. ☺

6 th graders – 1 st lunch	7 th graders – 2 nd lunch
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***7th graders who have 3rd lunch – Hawk Time on Fridays (in the library) or Friday after school until 4:30 (you must have a way home).

Each Day Counts!

Please try to limit the number of days you will miss class. We move at a very brisk pace. Excused absences have one day for each day missed to make up work. You are responsible for checking our class "wall" stamp sheet or my website to find out what you need to complete for the days you were absent. Arrangements for making up missed tests need to be discussed with me directly.

Grading Criteria:

80% = Performance (quizzes/tests)
20% = Practice (classwork/homework)

Performance Category (80% of final grade): Students will be evaluated on assessments based on the following criteria:

- **4** (100%) - Student has shown their mathematical pathway and calculations are correct
- **3.5** (90%) – Student's mathematical pathway is correct but there is a minor calculation error
- **3** (85%) - Student has shown their mathematical pathway but there is an error(s)
- **2** (70%) - Student has shown *some* conceptual understanding but has a critical error(s)
- **1** (60%) - It is not clear how an answer was derived and/or there are critical errors
- **0** (0%) - Student left the problem blank

There will only be ONE retake on each unit test.

Practice Category (20% of final grade):

Expect daily practice...even on some Fridays due to the pace of the class! You will have the entire week for it to still be considered as "on time." This way you can do a **QUALITY JOB** and ask questions to clarify understanding before the end of the week. You are responsible for recording it on your stamp sheet. If you are absent, please check my website/Google Classroom. All HW is due before the unit test. NO EXTRA CREDIT is given. For each unit, a HW stamp sheet will be graded on a 4-point scale as shown below:

HOMEWORK POLICY

- 4 (100%) = All homework is turned in on time
- 3.5 (90%) = Up to 2 late assignments but all are complete
- 3 (85%) = 3 or more late assignments but all are complete
- 2 (70%) = Up to 2 missing assignments
- 1 (60%) = 3 or more missing assignments
- 0 (0%) = Missing HW stamp sheet

Final Grades are then based on the average scores in each **weighted** category and a letter grade is earned based on the following scale:

OVERALL GRADING SCALE

- A = 90-100%
- B = 80-89.99%
- C = 70-79.99%
- D = 60-69.99%
- F = 0-59.99%

What should you do with all this information?? I expect you to do two things with this paper. First, share it with your parent or guardian. Their signature will earn you a HW PASS! Second, keep this paper in the math section of your binder. If you have it in June, you might earn an amazing prize!

I have read the Advanced Math 7 Syllabus including the Grading Criteria section.

Student Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____