

OUR 2013 - 2014 MATH CLASS CONTRACT

TOTTENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – WILLIAM DUGAN, PRINCIPAL



Welcome to our Mathematics class. The purpose of this contract is to provide you with a clear understanding of our class procedures. Adhering to the content of this contract will lead to a learning experience that is both valuable and enjoyable. It is important to me that we work together to ensure that every student has a successful experience in our classroom. Every child will be treated with respect by me and their fellow students to promote a learning environment that is open and unrestrictive. The contents of this class contract are based on our accepted set of school rules and standards that help keep our classroom safe, effective, and fun.

GRADING POLICY

Tests - 60%

- Tests are usually given at the end of a chapter, topic, or unit. They will always be announced a few days in advance.
- Quizzes are given to check a smaller amount of content. They may or *may not* be announced. All quizzes will count as a fraction or percentage of a test, students will know when they take it. For example, they could count for 10%, 25%, 33% or 50%.
- No blanks are allowed on an exam ever; it is a poor test-taking habit and we need to bust it immediately.

Classwork - 20%

- Contributing to the class during the lesson is a part of classwork.
- You are expected to come to class prepared every day with the proper supplies. A supply sheet can be found on page two of this contract.
- *You are expected to maintain your binders. MORE ON THE BINDERS LATER!*
- **Failure to come to class prepared to work or an incomplete notebook could result in a 5 to 10 point deduction of a student's term average.**

Homework - 20%

- Homework can be completed on loose leaf paper, hand-out, or on a printed page from our class website.
- Homework can be written in pen or pencil.
- Each homework assignment should be stored in a binder/folder that will be brought to the class every day.
- Each missing, incomplete, or unsatisfactory homework assignment will take **points** off your homework grade up to a maximum of 20 points. **Homework comes from the current lesson or topic, not doing it on-time defeats its purpose. Homework must be completed and handed in on-time.**
- **No make-ups are accepted!**

GENERAL CLASSROOM RULES AND THE DAILY ROUTINE

- **Stay Connected:** We will use a class website (www.abbubaca.com), PupilPath, and other great materials (more to follow).
- **Tutoring:** Tutoring will be made available on a regular basis. (more to follow)
- **Respect Everyone:** Treat fellow classmates with respect. **Bullying** is not a part of learning process and **will not be tolerated.**
- **Keep Our Room Clean:** Water bottles are allowed. No food, candy or gum is ever allowed. Follow school policies.
- **Personal Items:** No hats, no music players, phones, etc. I must confiscate these items. Follow school policies.
- Poor attendance, lateness, cheating (zero for grade), and cutting will never be tolerated. All will result in grade reductions. Cuts will also be referred to the dean's office.
- **Passes:** Bathroom/other passes only will be issued during the middle 20 min of a period, and excessive use will be noted.
- Upon entering the classroom you are to take your seat, copy any assignments, upcoming exam announcements, the Objective, and complete the Do Now that is assigned.
- Following a daily routine helps ensure proper use of all classroom time available.

SUPPLY LIST

These supplies are needed unless otherwise noted by the teacher.

- Graphing Calculator is required every day. The class will be taught using the Texas Instruments TI-83/84/nSpire. You may buy a similar calculator, but you are responsible for learning how to use it. Details will follow in class and also appear on the website. *CUT OUT THE TI-TECH POINTS ON THE BACK AND GIVE TO THE TEACHER!!*
- A three-ring binder will be required for this class. All students are required to come to class with loose leaf in the binder. I will be giving out a lot of supplement documents, which must be kept neatly. They will be 3-hole punched.
- All handouts and homework are required to be kept in the binder.
- A red ink pen, for marking your work and the work of your peers in class.
- ***THIS IS HUGE: I highly suggest using quad-ruled (graph paper) loose-leaf for all notes. There will be heavy amounts of graphs and diagrams, it helps! Think about it. Details follow in class.***
- Many of the homework assignments will be printed on copy paper for your child. Some lessons will also be printed.
- Graph paper will be needed occasionally. We will print the graph paper using the package of copy paper.
- A ruler (straight-edge) and protractor will be needed occasionally. We will try to supply when needed.

It is important to understand that we are responsible for our own actions and the consequences of those actions. This contract exists to help all of us (students, parents and the teacher) to have an enjoyable, high quality learning experience. It is also important that we maintain an open channel of communication with each other during the course of the year. Please feel free to contact me to discuss this contract or anything about the class. The goal of our class is to provide your children with the opportunity to succeed and learn. **Every child has the ability to succeed.** If your child is in need of help or has any questions at all, urge them to let me know about it. I probably will be available for them during lunch to answer any questions they may have. I will be providing each parent/guardian with an email address as the preferred form of communication. I will be checking email at least once a day. Details will be given within the first two weeks of school.

Please keep this contract where you can reference it during the year. Please fill out the bottom of this contract and return it to me. Thank you for your cooperation. I am looking forward to a great year together.

Lastly, to the students and parents, this is a **serious class**; it may be the first time you are **challenged** in a Math class. Your grades *may* slip. There is an easy fix, study your notes and do your homework. Also, be in class; vacations are nice, when they happen on vacation days. Every day matters to you. Never forget that you earned your way into the class, and never forget that you will earn your way out of it at the end of the year.

Respectfully Yours,



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We have read and understand all of the information in this contract, and we agree to the terms presented in it.

Student Name (Print): _____ Class: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Return this to your Math teacher please.