

Missouri City Middle School
8th Grade Mathematics Syllabus, Ms. Maqsood
2015 – 2016

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

We are looking forward to a productive and fulfilling school year. It is important that students, teachers, and parents work together to ensure the academic and personal success of our 8th Graders. Please review the following rules and expectations with your student.

Please feel free to contact me during the school year. You may send me an email at natasha.maqsood@fortbendisd.com or you may reach me by phone at 281-634-3766. Conferences may also be scheduled by appointment. Communication is important; therefore if any issues arise regarding your student, I will be in contact with you also.

The focal points of 8th grade mathematics are using basic principles of algebra to analyze and represent both proportional and non-proportional linear relationships, and using spatial reasoning and statistics to analyze figures and describe data and make predictions.

Student Rules and Expectations

- Be seated and ready to work at the tardy bell.
- Stay in your seat unless you have permission to do otherwise.
- Bring required materials and homework to class daily.
- Follow teacher's directions.
- No eating or chewing gum in class.
- Respect self, others, teachers, classroom, and school.
- Complete assignments on time.
- The bell does not dismiss you: the teacher does.

Full Participation in class and on task behavior is required

Classroom Procedures

- Please wait at the door until given permission to enter the room.
- Enter quietly, take out your binder and ISN. Have your pencil sharpened and get started on your warm-up. 5 minutes will be allotted for warm-ups after the tardy bell rings.
- At the end of class, make sure the area around your desk is neat and clean and wait for the teacher to dismiss you.

Consequences for violating rules may include:

- Verbal Warning
- Student Conference
- Student Contract
- Parent Conference
- Office Referral
- Detention/ISS



Homework

● Homework is an important key to success in this course and will be given Monday through Thursday. **Students are expected to review their notes and classwork daily.** It is essential students do their homework to practice and reinforce skills learned during class time. This will enable students to apply their mathematical knowledge to problem solving activities and critical thinking required at this level. **Students must complete homework.**

CHAMPS

MCMS has implemented the CHAMPS strategy for classroom management campus wide. Students are encouraged to behave responsibly by establishing a proactive and positive classroom environment. CHAMPS provides a framework setting expectations for classroom activities.

Grades

- Major tests, exams, ISN checks and projects count 50% (minimum of 3 assignments) toward the nine-week grade.
- Daily work, homework, warm-ups and quizzes count 50% (minimum of 6 assignments) toward the nine-week grade.

Tutorials

● Tutorials will be provided by the math department every Monday from 4:15 to 5:00. Students will be provided transportation for these days. Students may feel free to come to tutorials when they are struggling with the subject matter, or the teacher may assign tutorials for those students that may need it.

Tardies

- Students are expected to be in their assigned seats working on the daily warm up assignment when the bell rings. Those who are not, will be tardy.
 - First tardy- warning
 - Second tardy- phone call home
 - Third tardy- lunch detention
 - Four or more- after school detention, Saturday detention, or ISS.
- Bathroom/hall passes/nurse: These will be given on an emergency basis only. There will be no bathroom passes for first period and after lunch, as morning and lunch time is provided for students to use the facility.

Late Work Policy

● Students who are absent for one day should make up work the day they return. If they are absent for multiple days, they should see their teacher for help. It is the student's responsibility to make up work. Students who were not absent may turn in late work for a lower grade when appropriate.



Supplies

- 2 single subject spirals (you will give one to me to keep for you for the second semester)
 - Need a 1 inch binder for graded work.
 - Pencils- no pens will be used
 - Box of Kleenex and sanitizer
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I acknowledge receipt of the 8th Grade Mathematics Syllabus. I have also read it; and understand its contents.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



