

This brochure is meant to provide parents and students some very important information in a simple, easy to understand format. It should be used as a guide, especially for the beginning of the school year, but also for later reference.

## 8th Grade Mathematics

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### OUR TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

We will use a variety of methods of instruction. Students learn differently so we will combine traditional styles with hands-on activities and also use technology to incorporate 21st Century learning into our curriculum. Cooperative or group learning will be very important. Students will be encouraged to problem solve, not just memorize.



In terms of behavior, we expect our students to be honest and respect others. Hurtful or spiteful behavior towards others will not be tolerated. The Positive Behavior Support (PBS) system will be used to encourage positive behaviors continually throughout the day.

### MATERIALS NEEDED EVERY DAY

- **pencil or erasable pen**(messy papers with scribbles and cross-outs will not be accepted)
- a **pocket folder or binder with loose-leaf** paper (paper provided in class, as well)
- a **spiral notebook** for each quarter

### RULES OF BEHAVIOR

1. Students must be in the room before the tardy bell rings. Excessive tardies will result in an office referral.
2. Respect others, physically and verbally, and their personal space. "PUT DOWNS" will not be tolerated.
3. Use appropriate language when speaking with or about adults and peers.
4. During lecture or cooperative learning, use appropriate manners during discussions.
5. Disagreements handled in an appropriate manner show maturity, but arguing with an adult will not be tolerated.

Positive rewards and encouragement will be generously given to those who continuously follow the rules. Some rewards will consist of extra privileges in the classroom to tangible rewards that are provided by the school and teacher.

### CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

The PBS system will be used in accordance with Carson Middle School rules and consequences. Refer to student planner online at <http://cms.carsoncityschools.com>

### GRADING SCALE

100%-95	<b>A</b>	94-90	<b>A-</b>
89-85	<b>B</b>	84-80	<b>B-</b>
79-75	<b>C</b>	74-70	<b>C-</b>
69-65	<b>D</b>	64-60	<b>D-</b>
59 and below	<b>F</b>		

### MATH SCORING PERCENTAGES

Quarter grades will be earned based on the following percentages.

**ASSESSMENTS** - 60% of total grade  
**CLASSWORK** - 15% of total grade  
**HOMEWORK** - 25% of total grade

Semester grades are an average of the preceding two quarter's final grades.

### THINGS STUDENTS WILL DO EVERY DAY

1. Look at the board and write down the class objectives for the day in their Edmodo planners. (parents, please check these planners, as there should be something written every day)
2. Work on a warm-up, which is one or two problems that can be done in few minutes.
3. Note taking with organizational skills emphasized.
4. Demonstrate and verbally explain problem solving strategies and solutions.

## 21ST CENTURY LEARNERS

It is crucial that Nevada's students are prepared for the demands of the 21st century. Our students will use the Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills framework, which includes Life and Career Skills, Learning and Innovation Skills, and Information Media and Technology Skills as essential outcomes of educational experiences. Students use electronic collaboration for gathering information, problem solving, and sharing. Students need opportunities to develop creativity and innovation, practice contextual problem-solving, and use information efficiently and ethically.

## HOMEWORK PROCEDURES

**\*\* classwork/homework will be given most days**  
**\*\* if students work hard in class, homework should be very easy to master**

- .. unless specified otherwise, homework is due at the beginning of class the next day
- .. students who are unsure as to whether they have correctly answered the homework questions, should see their teacher for assistance or check for video solutions on Edmodo

## LATE HOMEWORK AND ASSESSMENTS

Students will adhere to the CMS homework policy. It is located in the online planner for future reference. **There will be no exceptions to this policy.**

**Assessments can be retaken to earn a better percentage. They must be retaken on the student's time, however.**  
**ABSENTEE HOMEWORK SHOULD BE MADE UP WITHIN TWO DAYS OF AN ABSENCE.**  
**ASSESSMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS ARE POSTED ON THE WALL.**

Communication between school and home is extremely important. We will be using an educationally sponsored online website called Edmodo to further this goal. Both students and parents will be given an opportunity to use this every day. Students will be expected to use Edmodo for daily updates, which include assignments, video and online help, and student collaboration.

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**WE ARE GENERALLY AVAILABLE FOR HELP BEFORE SCHOOL, AT LUNCH, AND AFTER SCHOOL, BUT STUDENTS SHOULD ASK TO VERIFY. EDMODO WILL ALSO BE USED AS A FORUM FOR ADDITIONAL REFERENCE AND ONLINE HELP.**

**"Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself."**

-- Chinese Proverb

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LEADERS TOMORROW!”**