



Principles of Mathematics 8 Expectations, Materials and Evaluation

Welcome to Principles of Math 8!

The following information is critical to your success in this course.

Expectations

1. Attendance: Lates and Absences

You are expected to attend all classes and be on time. If you miss classes you may fall behind in coursework and struggle with course concepts. If you are absent it is YOUR responsibility to find out what you missed and make up the work. If you are late three times you may be given a Ninety Minute detention after school.

2. I-Pods, MP3 Players, Cell Phones, cameras, video cameras ...:

Devices must be used responsibly. The school is not responsible for them being lost, broken or stolen. If you misuse them in class time they will be confiscated.

3. Leaving Class

It is expected that students will not leave the room during class time. If you must leave do so after the lesson is finished. You must sign out and in. Abuse of this results in not being allowed to leave during class time.

4. Eating in class:

Students are not allowed to eat in class. Students may drink water from a clear plastic bottle that has a lid.

5. Cheating and Plagiarism:

Cheating is a school offense. You will get a zero on that test, parents are informed and students can be referred to their Vice Principal. Cheating may result in detentions, a report on your student record, suspensions or even expulsion.

Materials

1. Supplies:

Pencils/pens, ruler, eraser, **graph paper**, geometry set, **3 ring binder**, lined paper, felts, poster board, geometry set and **scientific calculator** are required. Graphing calculators are not required nor can they be used on tests.

2. Textbook:

Students will be assigned the MathLinks 8 text. You are responsible for the textbook for the semester. You will be charged the replacement costs for lost or damaged texts.

Course Outline

Students will begin on Chapter One and can expect to do a sections each day all the way to Chapter 11. After each chapter there is a review, then a test. After every three chapters there is a Unit Test. There is a Final Exam after all chapters are completed.



Evaluation:

Assignments	10%	Exceeding
Quizzes	10%	Proficient
Inquiries	40%	Developing
Tests	<u>40%</u>	Emerging
Panorama Ridge Total	100%	Incomplete

Quizzes and Assignments:

Homework will be assigned every class day. Students who attend and are on time will be able to write these quizzes. There are no rewrites for quizzes. Regular attendance is essential to get a good mark on quizzes.

Chapter Reviews:

Reviews will be collected before each test and marked that day. You must show your work unless you can do it in your head. Anything Reviews will be awarded marks for showing work, marking the questions, being organized chronologically, doing corrections and the grand total on the front. Failure to complete homework will result in a 90 Minute School detention.

Tests:

Tests make up the largest portion of your Math mark. In order to prepare for these it is important to attend all classes, complete all homework, write all quizzes, do the reviews and seek help when needed. Unit Tests are the rewrites for tests.

Inquiries:

Inquiries (Projects) are tasks that students may do individually or in groups that have multiple correct outcomes... like designing the scale floorplan of your perfect bedroom. Each one is different but everyone must meet similar criteria. These tasks will have class time to do them and require some non-class time to complete them.

Students Needing Help:

Panorama Ridge has a Homework Club, where students have peers assist them to succeed. There is also help available from the teacher at lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Progress Reports

Mr. Pankratz gives a Chapter test approximately every Week or two. Up to date Marks are posted on MyEdBC daily for parents and students to see.

Dear Parent/Guardian

Please retain this for your records. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me on my school email Pankratz_e@surreyschools.ca
I will try to respond the same day you email me.

Mr Pankratz