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CLASS REQUIREMENTS, **EXPECTATIONS, AND INFORMATION**

Mr. DerSarkissian's Accelerated 7th grade Math Class.
Room 229 2017-2018 school year

Topics to be covered include:

The language of Algebra
Operations with integers
Operations with Rational Numbers
Powers and Roots
Ratio, Proportion, and Similar Figures
Percent
Algebraic Expressions
Equations and Inequalities
Linear Functions
Statistics and Probability
Surface Area and Volume

Preparation for class

You should bring the following to class **every** day:

*A pen or pencil. Anything I am correcting should be written in black or blue pen, or pencil. (*I like to correct in green or red, so please don't use those colors.*)

Bring extras in case one runs out or breaks!!!!!!!!!!

*A 2 inch three ring binder with dividers and loose-leaf paper.

(This should be a math notebook only!!!!!!)

*Any assignment that is due

*A good attitude!!!

* You will be assigned a textbook that you are expected to bring to class every day.

There will be no locker passes issued if you forget your material especially since this is 1st period. **You could be assigned detention with your teacher that day for being unprepared.** Lavatory passes will be issued in extreme cases at the beginning of the period but should not be needed since it is 1st period. It is too distracting to issue a pass while conducting class.

Grades

My philosophy is simple. You earn the grade that goes on your report card. I do not give you your grade. Your quarterly grade will be a combination of tests, quizzes, notebook assessment, homework, preparation, and participation. Accelerated 7th graders are expected to maintain at least an 85% average.

Participation / Quality Student Grade (50 points).

Being in school physically is not always enough. You need to be in attendance and actively involved in the learning process by asking and answering questions and practicing the skills taught by communicating them. Participation can't happen if there is a lot of absenteeism. This portion of your grade also includes keeping a good attitude, being considerate, responsible, respectful, on time, and prepared. One other thing included in this category is test correction. Test scores below 90% must be corrected by the deadline. If test corrections are not made, then 5 points per test will be deducted from this portion of your grade. Homework assignments that earn a score of a zero will have one point deducted from this portion of your grade. This grade is up to the discretion of your teacher.

Tests

I have a tendency to give challenging tests, so be sure that you are prepared. The best way to study is to look over the review assignment and notes. **Many questions come from these places.** Remember 70% is passing. 100 points per test.

Test correction procedure

Test corrections will earn you 25% of the lost points back on to your test grade. All students are encouraged to make test corrections. Students are eligible to do corrections if they miss three or less points of that chapter's homework. Corrections are to be made **in Mr. DerSarkissian's classroom** on your own time during 10th period or during study hall or AIS in a classroom. Not coming in to make corrections on tests below 90% will result in lowering your Quality Student Grade and your parents/guardians will be notified of the opportunity you chose not to take part in. It is a requirement to do corrections if you score below 90 and are eligible. If you score below 90 on a test and are ineligible to do corrections, your parent/guardians will be notified. This may jeopardize membership in this class. **If you do all of your corrections well, you can earn 25% of your lost points back.** The ultimate goal is for you to learn the information!

Summer Extra Credit Work:

You can earn up to 4 points of extra credit. They will be awarded at the end of each quarter with 1 point added per quarter maximum. For example, if you earn 2 points, then you get a point added to the 1st and 2nd quarters.

Quizzes

Sometimes, at the beginning of the week, you will be informed that there will be a quiz. Sometimes you will not know what day it will be on. Some quizzes may be a surprise. Expect anywhere from 2 to 6 quizzes per marking period. They may vary in point value.

Notebooks (30 points)

Notebooks will be collected at the end of each quarter. In a 2" 3 ring binder, I will be looking for headings, labels, dividers, dates, all notes complete, and all quizzes. You will need separate sections for:

notes, quizzes, homework, and miscellaneous. Your notebook must be very neat with no loose papers. This should be a very easy grade.

Homework (Needs a proper heading: Name, date, assignment... Written in pen)

Homework is worth a total of 2 points per assignment. This is an effort grade.
2 points if completed in full with work shown and on time.

1 point if partially (could be missing only 1 problem) done or not adequately shown work.

0 points if homework is not completed or done with very poor effort. Expect to be assigned to 10th period if this repeats.

The award of points is up to the discretion of the teacher.

Homework is typically worth about 20% of the quarter grade.

I expect only quality work and only accept quality work!!!

Poor work will result in low grades. Quality work will reap large dividends.

Homework will be assigned on a regular basis. It is very important in math to practice materials as you learn it. Assignments are to be completed prior to the next class meeting at which time I will go over any problem areas. I expect all work to be shown, not just listing the answers from the back of the book. If you are absent, it will be your responsibility to contact a friend to get the assignment and notes or ask me when you return to school. You will be allowed the same amount of time to make up an assignment as the amount of time you are absent. For example, if you are absent two days, you will have two days after you return to get caught up with your work.

Homework will be checked daily and any questions will be answered daily !!!

Extra Credit

At times, I may offer bonus points on tests or quizzes. Extra credit is normally not an option in this class. If you are putting forth 100% of your effort, and still are not earning passing scores, then see me and something will be worked out.

Your quarter grade is = $\frac{\text{Total points you earn}}{\text{Total possible point}} \times 100$

Extra Help

I will be available for help at different times throughout the day and 10th period. It is your responsibility to schedule with me when you wish to receive help, if it is during the day. Quick questions may be answered during homeroom or before 1st period. If my schedule conflicts with yours, talk to me and we will figure out a solution.

If for any reason you are not feeling confident, if you are lost or confused, etc., please see me for extra help!!! Please do not wait until you are buried to seek help. Remember, when you come for help, I am not here to give you the answers and /or do it for you. I will give you extra instruction and teach you how to do the problems independently.

Final Average

A final average of at least 70% will be a passing grade for the year. An average below 70% will not receive course credit and will need to be made up in the summer or, if necessary, by repeating the course.

Calculators

You will need a scientific calculator for this class. I advise you to buy your own scientific calculator so you become comfortable with it for testing. They can be bought at a minimal cost. If expense is an issue, then see Mr. DerSarkissian and something can be figured out. I find the TI-30XIIS model to be user friendly. Scientific calculators will not be handed out in class.

Classroom Behavior

Each of you deserves the best of environments in which to learn. I believe that this is accomplished when order is maintained. Therefore, I expect your cooperation in following the classroom rules.

Remember: your actions are your responsibility!!! The choices are yours. Follow the rules and enjoy the benefits, or misbehave and accept the consequences.

The following 12 rules must be followed at All times in class:

- 1.) Be courteous and respectful
- 2.) Be on time and prepared for class
- 3.) Follow directions the first time they are given
- 4.) Raise your hand and wait to be recognized before speaking
- 5.) No hats, hoods, jackets, cell phones, MP3 players, I pods, or earbuds!!!
If any technological device is seen in class, I will ask for it and the student must hand it over. Refusing to hand over the device will result in insubordination and disciplinary consequences.
- 6.) I do not want to see or hear any gum. (student must throw gum out if asked)
- 7.) No eating or drinking in class (this includes candy unless the teacher gives permission)
- 8.) Be quiet and orderly during fire drills and lock downs
In the event of a fire drill, take a right out of the door, down the stairs and out the south door by the art rooms. Proceed to the grass out by Quaker road. Stay off the driveway and right by Mr. DerSarkissian for attendance purposes. If there is a lockdown, be orderly and listen to Mr. DerSarkissian's direction.
- 9.) Class ends when the teacher dismisses you. Remain seated until the bell rings and you are dismissed. There will be no standing at the door waiting for the bell.
- 10.) Absolutely no cheating. *If you are caught cheating, a zero will be the result. If you are caught cheating on homework, both parties involved will receive a zero. Parents/guardians will be contacted.*
- 11.) No **inappropriate language** or roughhousing in class will be tolerated
- 12.) No personal note or letter writing **I will take it and mail a copy home if need be!!!**

**IF YOU BREAK THE RULES, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO THE CONSEQUENCES.
THESE MAY BE IN ANY ORDER:**

- *being sent to the office/In-school suspension room
- *staying after class for a talk
- * a warning
- * a phone call home
- * a letter home
- * a conference with you and/or administrators and/or parents and/or your teacher
- * a behavior referral written
- * 10th period detention or suspension

How to contact Mr. DerSarkissian

I am an advocate for open lines of communication. You may contact me and leave a voice mail message at (716) 795-3201 ext. 5229, or e-mail me at pdersarkissian@barkercsd.net. If you contact me, please give me a day or two to respond.

I am very optimistic for a great year #####
***** If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask. *****

Assignment (due **Friday**, September 8, 2017) is to have this page filled out, signed, and turned in to Mr. DerSarkissian for a homework grade.

We have read and understand the course outline.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Student Print Name

Student Signature

Date

Parents/Guardians:

Progress reports will be sent home after 5/15/25 and 35 weeks of school. There may be times that I may send additional progress report home to show you improvement or decline in your son/daughter's effort or grade.

Otherwise, I like to make contact to you for both "bad" phone calls/ e-mails,

Example: "Barney did not do his mandatory test corrections. He gave up his opportunity to help his grade and now has lowered his quality student grade. Please discuss this with him and hopefully he will make a better decision if this happens again."

Or "good" phone calls/ e-mails.

Example: "Wilma has been working much harder on this chapter and her test grade increased dramatically. On top of that, she did her test corrections on her own and made her quarter grade even higher. Please encourage her to keep up the good work."

What is the best way to contact you? (please fill out the blanks that apply)

Home phone # _____ Home e-mail _____

Cell phone # _____ Work e-mail _____

Work phone # _____ Other # or e-mail _____

Thank-you
Mr. DerSarkissian