

# Class Expectations

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## Precalc Honor

### I. Homework 20%

- Homework is due and stamped at the beginning of class.
- You may turn in 3 late homework assignments each quarter (before the test on that chapter).
- The following are examples of homework assignments that will count toward your 3 lates:
  - You show up without it.
  - You have it, but you show up to class late with no note.
  - You turn it in on time, but you haven't corrected the ones we went over in class.
- YOU SHOULD NEVER LOSE POINTS FOR MISSING HOMEWORK.
- Keep all your homework assignments until the end of the quarter.

### II. Classwork 10%

- Being focused and working well in class will improve your grade.
- I call on people randomly with the goal of 100% participation every day.
- Be respectful to me and to your peers. Anything less will earn you a detention.
- DO NOT TALK WHEN I AM TALKING. Disrupting class in any way is another good way to get detention.
- CELL PHONES ARE NOT PERMITTED IN CLASS. LEAVE YOUR CELL PHONE IF YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE ROOM.
- Do not do work for other classes during this class.

### III. Tests 70%

- Math Center is available every morning before school (go to the room with A2T H).
- I am available for help Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:45-3:15. I am also sometimes available during X Block.

### IV. Tardiness

- If you arrive after the start time of the block without a note, you are tardy.
- Putting your backpack down on your chair and then leaving the room also counts as a tardy.
- Three tardies will lower your class participation grade.
- You can get class participation points back by serving detention (one detention will undo the damage from three tardies). Detention does not erase the record of the tardies on your attendance record.
- If you are 20 minutes late or more, you are "super tardy". This is an actual category in X2, and it counts toward your total number of absences.
- Leaving class and not returning for 20 minutes or more also counts as a super tardy.
- Super tardies can not be made up by serving detention.

## V. Absences

- If your absence is excused, you may make up the work you missed for credit.
- If your absence is unexcused, you get no credit for any work due that day. This means a zero on homework AND any tests given that day.
- When you are absent, make sure you follow up to understand the content you missed. Get the worksheet from class or the website, get the notes from the classroom notebook or by meeting with me, and make sure you make up the homework that was assigned.
- Each AWOL lowers your class participation grade.

## VI. Supplies

- You should have a notebook dedicated to math where you keep class notes, handouts, tests and syllabi.
- You should have a TI 83 or TI 83+ graphing calculator. These can be bought, borrowed from a friend or sibling or loaned out from the Math Department. It's always a good idea to check Craigslist, too. As I type this, I see two half-price TI-83 calculators available online.
- All graphs should be done on graph paper. You can buy some to have on hand, or you can print some from a site like this one: <http://www.printfreegraphpaper.com/>.
- Pencil is always preferable to pen when doing math.
- If you need glasses, WEAR THEM.

## VII. Special Learning Styles

- No one knows you better than you. If something worked well for you last year, please let me know.
- If you are on an IEP, 504 or ICAP, please make sure I have those accommodations.

## VIII. Your Grade

- Your grade will be 70% tests, 20% homework and 10% class participation.
- You should check your grade regularly on my website. If you are missing work, see me to make sure you get caught up.

## IX. Cheating

- Cheating includes, but is not limited to, copying or supplying information during a test, sharing information from a test with someone who hasn't taken it yet, copying/letting someone copy homework, sharing calculators during a test, bringing any kind of notes into an exam, using a calculator on an exam when it is prohibited or having your phone out during a test. See the Student Handbook.
- There is NO TALKING of any kind during a test or quiz. It's no use telling me you were chatting about something else. Just imagine talking during the SAT. You will both receive zeros no questions asked.

## X. Recommendations

- Colleges get your transcripts, so what they really want to know from me is what kind of a person you are. If you get straight A's, but you are disrespectful to me and to others, don't ask me for a recommendation. If you struggle in this class, but you work hard and are a good person, I will write you a glowing recommendation.

