

Bear Valley Middle School

Mr. Pearson 8th Grade Mathematics

2020-2021 Course Syllabus

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Course Description and Rationale

The rigorous Common Core State Standards demand high quality performance of all students while making provisions for remediation. The objectives of this course are for students to become more confident about lifelong mathematics skills, connect math to real-world applications, participate in problem-solving through group and individual investigations, and to develop better math communication and reasoning skills. Technology is an integral part of communicating math and will be included as often as possible.

Academic Honesty

We value academic integrity very highly and will not permit any forms of dishonesty or deception that unfairly, improperly, or illegally enhance a grade on an individual or group assignment.

Class Expectations

R – Respond in an appropriate manner to everyone.

E – Excellence only!

S – Stay seated unless you have permission to move around the room.

P – Please, keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.

E – Exit the room when I dismiss, not when the bell rings.

C – Come prepared to learn and ready to work.

T – Talk at appropriate times and at the proper volume.

Respect.

Discipline Procedures

(Steps are an official communication between teachers, administrators, and parents)

Step 1: Warning, conference with teacher

Step 2: Conference with teacher, parent signature required.

Step 3: Office visit, phone call home

Step 4: Office referral, phone call home, Loss of Privileges

Step 5: Student conference with parent/teacher/administrator, administrator intervention

****SEVERE DISRUPTIONS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE SENT TO THE OFFICE****

Grading

A: 90-100% B: 80-89% C: 70-79% D: 60-69% FAILING: 0-59%

Each student and family has the opportunity to check grades online through PowerSchool.

Weights

TESTS: 70% --- QUIZZES: 10% --- CLASSWORK 10% --- HOMEWORK & ONLINE PRACTICE: 10%

Late work will automatically receive a 30% penalty, making the highest possible grade for that assignment 70%.

Note: Student work turned in with “no name” will not be graded. This is a common problem across 8th grade. I remind students daily about writing names on their papers before they begin.

Classroom Expectations

- ✓ When the class bell rings student should be in their assigned seat ready to begin class.
- ✓ Follow directions the first time they are given.
- ✓ Show courtesy, respect, and consideration for everyone (teacher, classmates, and visitors).
- ✓ Zero tolerance for any kind of bullying or harassment.
- ✓ Respect your environment.
- ✓ Check your attitude! – have an open mind towards learning and embrace the diversity of ideas.
- ✓ Be involved in your class. Participate. Stay focused. Ask Questions.
- ✓ No eating (including gum chewing), drinking, or grooming in class.
- ✓ Be silent during announcements and fire, tornado, etc. drills for safety reasons.
- ✓ **Always** come prepared to give your best effort.
- ✓ Follow **all** policies and procedures .
- ✓ No electronic devices (cell phones, MP3 players, etc.) – these will be confiscated if present during school hours. Cell phones that come to school must be kept inside backpacks, turned off, not in clothing pockets.

Absences

It is the sole responsibility of the **student** to make-up missed work due to an excused absence. If a student misses class, he or she must get the assignment(s) in class upon return by: (1) **DOWNLOADING** from Mr. Pearson's webpage www.mathpearson.com OR (2) picking up missed assignments from Mr. Pearson's classroom. Make-up work due to an excused absence can be turned in for full credit upon return. If a homework assignment was due when you were absent it is your responsibility to turn in the assignment the following day upon returning to class.

Homework

Students need to write their homework assignments in their planners. Homework is always due the day after it is issued, unless otherwise specified. Assignments should be completed and ready to turn in at the beginning of class unless otherwise instructed. Students are required to write down the assignment issued in their School Planners. When a student struggles with an assignment, the student should come prepared to ask questions. Unexcused late work is subject to a 30% penalty. If an assignment was missed due to an excused absence, student can turn in without penalty when returning to school.

Classwork Tasks/Projects

Each task and project *must* be turned in on time with the rubric attached (if applicable). Projects and Tasks will be accepted late but are subject to a 30% penalty. Your highest possible grade when turned in late will be 70%. Some tasks will be single day (in-class) and others will be long term. ****Remember that additional points may be deducted if the work does not meet all criteria.****

MATH LAB (2020-2021)

Mr. Pearson will be offering MATH LAB before school (when students are permitted to safely return to campus). An official calendar will be issued with days offered. Students should come prepared with work or questions that they need help with. Students may also attend MATH LAB from Mr. Allison in Room 227.

Eighth Grade Common Core Standards (a more detailed description can be found on www.mathpearson.com)

8.NS The Number System

8.EE Expressions and Equations

8.F Functions

8.G Geometry

8.SP Statistics and Probability

