

Course Information
Math 7 Accelerated
2024-2025
Mr. Stefanek

Welcome to Math 7 Accelerated!

This course will serve as an important foundation to help you prepare for more advanced math classes that you will encounter in later years. We will investigate key math topics from both the 7th grade and 8th grade Common Core standards such as algebraic equations, geometry, exponents, integers, ratio and proportion, percents, organizing data, and probability. In addition, we will continue to expand our ability in answering open response questions. As you improve your mathematical reasoning and problem solving ability, it is my hope that you will enjoy mathematics and apply its purposes for situations that you will encounter both in the classroom and the outside world.

Materials Needed

- Your assignment notebook (planner)
- A *red* spiral notebook that is used *only* for Math
- A pen and pencil
- A *red* pocket folder to store handouts
- Calculator (only on selected days)

* Please leave your textbook at home until the end of the school year! We will use a set of books in the classroom when we need to.

Grading

Grading is completed on a total points system. Your grade for the term is calculated by dividing the total numbers of points earned by the total number of points available. Unless otherwise announced, tests will have double the weight of quizzes. Quizzes will normally be scored on a 50 point scale, while tests will be scored on a 100 point scale. Open response questions will receive either one-quarter or one-half the weight of a test. Other assessments will be weighted according to the difficulty level and effort required.

- Students should track their progress in the class by using their ASPEN account. I recommend checking your account every Friday after school.

Homework Policy

Homework will be assigned nearly every night and completed in your notebook. *For E Block only, no nightly assignments will be due on Day 2s.* I will announce if a particular assignment will be collected. **Students with a pattern of incomplete or missing homework may be required to stay after school to complete the assignment.**

****** If after 25 minutes you are unable to complete your homework, please have your parent sign the homework. If you have put in an honest effort we will arrange a time to meet after school to complete the work and you will receive *full credit* for the assignment *upon its completion*.

Problems of the Week (POW) Assignment

Unless otherwise announced, each Friday a Problems of the Week (POW) assignment will be due. These are a series of challenging questions that I will collect and score each week. Be sure to *show all work* when completing these assignments as these will be scored on both **accuracy and thoroughness**.

Classroom Rules

The following are the list of classroom rules that students must follow to keep an orderly, productive learning environment:

1. **Phones away!**
2. Sit in your *assigned seat* at the *beginning* of class.
3. Raise your hand to ask and answer questions.
4. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
5. Use the e-hall pass kiosk to sign out and return *immediately* to your seat.
6. Respect other people and their property. (i.e. No teasing of others, no foul language, etc.)

Consequences

Students who break classroom rules will receive a consequence check from Mr. Stefanek. If a student accumulates a total of *three checks* in *all classes* for the week, the student will be required to serve an afterschool detention. Consequence check totals always reset to zero each Monday.

*** Any serious rule-breaking will result in an immediate trip to the office.**

Go For Two!

Except when there is a test or quiz, each day students will have the opportunity to earn two points. One point will be earned by following all classroom rules and procedures. The other point will be earned by completing all required classwork and staying on task. When necessary, points will be deducted in half-point increments. *Mr. Stefanek will contact home if a student fails to earn two points on multiple occasions.*

When absent, you need to complete the homework assigned that night to earn the two points.

Absences

When you are absent, please check Google Classroom for the assignments that you missed for the day(s) you missed.

In addition, all 7th graders should have contact information of at least *three students* whom they may contact when absent for one or two days. If students are absent for *three or more days*, they need to check in with Mr. Stefanek for work that was missed.

If students are taking a *planned absence of three days or more*, it is their responsibility to check in with Mr. Stefanek both *before leaving and* on the day of their return while monitoring Google Classroom when absent.

Time on Learning

It is vital that students are in class and participating in all classroom activities. While emergency situations always occur during the school year, students are asked to limit their use of the restroom during class to those particular emergencies. Students are required to sign out when using the restroom as per middle school policy. Parents will be notified if a student is missing too much class time because of restroom visits.

Reward System

For being a good neighbor, academic achievement, and effort, students can receive raffle tickets. Prizes include bonus points on a test or quiz and homework passes, among others. Raffles are generally held on the last Friday of the month.

Extra Help

Students are encouraged to set up an extra help session of their own with Mr. Stefanek *as soon as they realize* that they are having trouble in class, rather than waiting for the end of a unit. Sometimes five minutes at the end of the day can be extremely helpful to answer student questions.

Once per trimester, students can raise a failing grade on an assessment to a 70 by completing the corrections sheet. Students should let me know *in advance* if they choose to stay for extra help so that we can arrange a time.

Checkpoints for Math 7 Accelerated

I use the midpoint of each trimester to communicate any major concerns I have about a student's performance in Math 7 Accelerated.

Contacting Mr. Stefanek

My email address is stefanekk@mersd.org. I am looking forward to a great year with you!

I have read the Math 7 Accelerated Course Information.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature
