**Integrated Math 1 – Course Information**

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**Course Description**

As you study Integrated Math 1 this year, you will learn the skills that are necessary for success in all future math classes. Instead of progressing through Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2, students will now progress through Integrated Math 1, 2 and 3. The same mathematical standards are covered; they are just “mixed together” and spread throughout all three years. My goal this year is to help you develop the strongest possible foundation in basic algebra and geometry, so that you will be prepared for success in Integrated Math 2 and 3, as well as pre-calculus, calculus, statistics, chemistry, physics, and more!

# Classroom Rules

* Be Prepared
* Be Respectful

**Wish List**

* AAA Batteries
* Dry Erase Markers
* Tissues
* Be Responsible
* Obey all school rules

**Class Materials (bring all every day!)**

* Binder (any size is fine) with looseleaf paper
* Pencil
* Pen/highlighter/marker
* I have a class set of calculators, so it is not necessary for you to buy your own if you do not already have one
* We will be using our textbooks on specific days – when not needed, textbooks should be kept in the student’s locker

# Grading

The standard Metro Schools grading scale will be used:

A 93-100

B 85-92

C 75-84

D 70-74

F 50-69

I Incomplete

* Grades will reflect student mastery of the math content standards through assessments and projects. A separate “effort” grade will be given based on the student’s successful and timely completion of homework.

# Make-Up Work

When you are absent from class, you can find your missing assignments by referring to the assignment bulletin board, checking our class website, or calling a friend. All missed quizzes and tests must be promptly made up.

**Retake Procedures**

* The purpose of retakes is for students to show mastery of each skill.
* The **MOST RECENT RETAKE GRADE STANDS**.
* Retakes must be **TAKEN NO LATER THAN 10 SCHOOL DAYS AFTER I PASS THE ASSESSMENT BACK**.

# Extra Help

I will be more than happy to tutor students who need a little extra help. This can be done during lunch, physical activity, Power Up, or after school, but you must schedule it in advance. I do not tutor those who do not make good use of class time. This is only fair for those who do pay attention and work hard.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I am honored to have the opportunity to help your learn math this year!

**Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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Dear Students and Parents,

I am very excited that you are all a part of the 8th Grade Integrated Math 1 family! Each student in this class has demonstrated strong foundational math skills proving that they are ready for this challenging course. As we begin this school year together, I want to communicate some specific pieces of information that will be important to understand and reference throughout the year.

* Integrated Math 1 is a high school credit course. Upon successful completion of this course, each 8th grade student will earn one high school math credit.
* Integrated Math I is different from Algebra I in that the standards include geometric, algebraic, and data/statistics concepts. The same standards that are addressed in the traditional Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra 2 pathway will be addressed in Integrated Math 1, Integrated Math 2, and Integrated Math 3, just in a different sequence.
* Successful completion of the course implies that the student maintains a passing average over the course of the school year.
* The final average a student receives in Integrated Math I will appear on the student’s high school transcript and will also count towards their high school GPA.
* Students taking Integrated Math I will receive three points added to their average each nine weeks. For example, if Stephen receives a 92 average after all summative assessments are accounted for in Grade Speed, his report card will show a 95 (A). Three points will NOT be added to the Progress Report grades, Mid-Term grade, or the semester average.
* A teacher-created cumulative Mid-Term exam will be given in December and will count for 20% of the semester average. There will be no retake available for the Mid-Term.
* The state TNReady standardized test for Integrated Math 1 will be administered in late April or May. It will be given in one part. There will be calculator and non-calculator sections for these tests.

Please know that I am here to help make this a great learning and growing experience and am here to help you in any way!

Sincerely,

Mr. Lischwe