# **Middle School Mathematics**

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#### **Mathematics Grade Weighting Policy**

Homework/Class Participation	Computation	Formative Assessments	Summative Assessments
<ul> <li>Primarily evidenced</li> <li>by: <ul> <li>Homework</li> </ul> </li> <li>Student <ul> <li>Participation</li> </ul> </li> <li>Teacher <ul> <li>Observation</li> </ul> </li> <li>Observing and <ul> <li>Following</li> <li>Directions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assessments of Basic Mathematical Skills <u>without</u> a calculator</li> <li>Simple Solutions Quizzes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In-class Activities/ Assignments</li> <li>Quizzes</li> <li>Small Projects</li> <li>Group Activities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tests</li> <li>Large Projects</li> <li>Composition Book Checks</li> <li>Semesters 1 &amp; 2 Final Exams</li> </ul>
10%	10%	35%	45%

\*These items listed are examples of work to be graded

#### Late Assignments for 8.2 Algebra 1 (Formative/Summative)

- Each Day an assignment is late, 12% will be deducted from the grade
  - $\circ$  1<sup>st</sup> Day Late = Max Grade of 88%
  - $\circ$  2<sup>nd</sup> Day Late = Max Grade of 76%
  - $\circ$  3<sup>rd</sup> Day Late = Max Grade of 64%
- On the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Late: Assignment receives a zero (0%).

#### Late Homework Assignments for 8.2 Algebra 1

- Homework is a weekly grade with assignments that are checked daily.
- Homework is expected to be completed on the night it is assigned so that students will be prepared to participate in the following class.
- Homework/ Participation Grades will not be accepted late.

#### **Cumulative Finals**

- 8.2 Algebra 1 will have a Semester 1 Final on material covered in Quarters 1 & 2.
- The Semester 2 Final will cover material from the entire year.
- All tests in mathematics are cumulative to an extent as all the material builds upon itself.
- 4th Quarter Final Grade = 90% Core Math Class + 10% Final Exam

# After School help is available every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 and Thursdays during lunch by request

**Texts**: *Sadlier-Oxford Algebra 1* - Text and Workbook *Simple Solutions: Algebra Part B* - Practicebook

# **Topics of Study in 8.2 Algebra 1:**

#### Semester 1:

- Review of Pre-Algebra
- Relationships between Quantities and Expressions
- Linear Equations and Inequalities

#### Semester 2:

- Exponential Functions
- Compare and Contrast Functions
- Statistics and Describing Data

# Skills to be intertwined within the study of mathematics:

### **Communicating Mathematically**

Use the language and vocabulary to represent mathematics in both oral and written form.

Analyze and evaluate mathematical thinking and strategies.

Predict outcomes of real-world situations using various methods.

Relate mathematical concepts to other academic fields and everyday life.

# Problem Solving

Apply and adapt a variety of strategies to problem solving.

Solve logic problems by looking for a pattern.

Monitor, question, and reflect on the process of problem solving.

Demonstrate and use inductive, deductive, and logical reasoning.

Determine whether solutions are reasonable and appropriate.

Explain strategies and solutions to word problems in writing.

#### Technology

Use available technology to enhance an interactive learning environment.

Apply and integrate technology as it relates to mathematical concepts.

#### **Connections**

Recognize and use connections among mathematical ideas.

Understand how mathematical ideas interconnect and build on one another.