

Mr. Matuska

Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Financial Mathematics

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Conference Period 8:00-8:50

Classroom Culture and Expectations

1. Punctuality

Be seated at your desk and ready to go when class the bell rings. Don't be tardy.

2. No smartphones, tablets, or other personal devices

Under no circumstances should phones be used during class time. Use of phones during class time will result in confiscation, and they will be withheld per district policy.

3. Take care of out-of-classroom responsibilities before and after class

Make sure that you get everything that you need out of your locker before class. The time in-between classes is also good to use the restroom or take care of any other personal needs. Limit asking to be excused from the classroom to those situations that absolutely can't be avoided. The first 25 minutes and the last 5 minutes of each class is **Primetime**, and Mr. McCain does not want students out of class during this time.

4. Come to class prepared

Coming to class unprepared creates a lot of distraction for you, your fellow students, and the teacher. If you forget something at home, get to class early to deal with the problem before class begins. Try to keep the disruption to a minimum.

5. Begin any posted assignment at the very start of class

You can expect bellwork to be posted everyday. Begin completing the bellwork task immediately as the bell rings.

6. Be polite in your manner and speech

Treat others with the respect that you want to be treated with. Always conduct yourself in a polite and respectful manner, whether you are interacting with fellow students, teachers, or classroom aides. There is never a good reason to be rude or belligerent, in the classroom or anywhere else.

7. Don't speak out of turn

Raise your hand and wait to be called on to speak. Do not speak while others are speaking. During cooperative work time, speak quietly in an effort to keep the overall volume down.

8. Always behave in an honorable fashion: no cheating

Any time a student is caught cheating or copying another student's work, whether it be homework or an exam, Mr. McCain and the student's parents will be notified. Cheating is never a good idea, and if you need extra help in a certain area, ask for help.

9. Pay attention to the teacher and their instructions

No one wants to wait for a student who wasn't paying attention to catch up. Your lack of attention can slow down the entire class and cause unnecessary disruption.

10. Class lasts until the bell sounds

You are expected to be productive from bell to bell. I will be respectful of your need to get to your next class and not keep you late. Please be respectful of instructional time, so we can make the most of our time together.

11. No food or drink except water

Grading

Daily Grades 60% (at least 8 per grading period)

Tests 40% (at least 2 per grading period)

10% will be deducted for each day that an assignment is late. You may schedule a time with me to do corrections on all tests and quizzes for half credit back. The corrections must be completed within 1 week of receiving the graded test back. If you have any questions about your grade or what you are missing, ask before class, after class, or before school, not during instructional time.

Absent Work

It is the student's responsibility to ask the teacher what they missed in the event of an absence. Students are strongly encouraged to attend tutorials following an absence. Absences do not excuse you from knowing the material. If a student knows in advance they will be out, they are responsible for getting their work in advance. If a student is absent the day of a test, they will take the test the first day they return. If they are absent the day of the review, they will get the review, and then take the test the following day.

Extra Help/Tutorials

I will be more than happy to give extra time to help students who need help. If you feel like you need help, please ask, so we can arrange a time to meet. I am available most mornings after 7:40, during the advisory period, and during lunch.