

**Ida Middle School**  
**7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics**  
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**2022-2023**

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In order to ensure a successful academic year, all of the information below should be carefully reviewed and followed.

**Course Description:**

In Mathematics, students will focus on comprehension, reasoning and analytical skills through the study of Algebra or Pre-Algebra.

**Curriculum:**

The curriculum for this course aligns with the Common Core for Mathematics, which may be viewed on the following website:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/K-12\\_ML\\_Math\\_Standards\\_REV\\_470033\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/K-12_ML_Math_Standards_REV_470033_7.pdf)

8th grade is specifically page 52-58.

**Textbook:**

Pre-Algebra Saxon Math

Algebra 1 Larson, Boswell, Kanold and Stiff

**Homework/Homework Policy:**

Students are expected to complete any incomplete assignments at home. We will have time in class to work on assignments, so there should not be too much homework. The students should have the assignments documented in their planner, please check the planner nightly and verify that the assignments are

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completed. Check your students' grade book weekly on the home access center. I will send the homework schedule weekly via email. This year I am trying a "Flipped Classroom Model" of instruction. Students will be expected to watch the lesson video the night before the lesson and take notes. I will be checking the notes and that they watched the video daily. I will review the video briefly as needed each day. The majority of our class time will be dedicated to working on the homework. Therefore, there should be little to no homework problems to be done at home. (Only the ones not completed in class)

**Academic Integrity:**

Academic integrity is expected on all assignments. Cheating on an assignment or assessment or other activity violates school rules. Any work that exhibits cheating will result in a zero, parental notification, and disciplinary action may be taken.

**Absences:**

It is the student's responsibility to retrieve missed handouts/assignments from the missed assignment bin. When a student is absent, they are responsible for getting the assignment for those absences. This includes daily assignments, quizzes and exams. In the event of an extended absence, personal arrangements may be made. Quarantine students are expected to keep up on assignments.

**Tardiness:**

You are expected to be in your seat with required materials ready at the start of the class period. If you are running late from another class, you must have a pass to excuse a tardy.

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**Grading Policy:**

90-100 = A

60-69 = D

80-89 = B

0-59 = E

70-79 = C

**Needed Materials:**

**\* 2 College Ruled 1 Subject Notebooks: 1 for notes and 1 for homework**

\* Pencils or blue/black ballpoint pens

\* Dry Erase Marker/Highlighter

\* Eraser

Classroom Donations (These are appreciated if you are able to donate): ~~Tissues, Disinfecting Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Paper Towel~~, Loose Leaf Paper, Extra pens/pencils for students to borrow when forgotten, dry erase markers.

**Class Rules:**

1. Respect yourself.
2. Respect others.
3. Respect the class community.

**Behavior and Discipline:**

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Students are expected to arrive at class on time, be prepared with books and materials, and show respect. Students are also expected to adhere to the school wide and classroom rules and expectations at all times.

- Only pencils and blue or black ink, highlighters, and dry erase markers will be permitted in class.
- Electronic devices (cell phones, i-pods, video games, smart watches, etc.) are not permitted. If you are in possession of any of these devices during class it will be confiscated.
- No gum chewing, eating, or drinking (juices, colas, coffee, etc.). Water bottles are encouraged!
- Fidget spinners, cubes, etc. are only permitted upon permission from Special Ed or a doctor's note.

**Individual Consequences:**

If a student is acting inappropriately or being disruptive the following steps will be taken.

1. Redirection-Student is redirected in order to stop the misbehavior.
2. Verbal Correction—Students are reminded a second time to be on task.
3. Parent Phone Call/Student-Teacher Meeting
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**Restroom Policy:** Students will be allowed to use the bathroom as necessary. I only allow one student out of the classroom at a time. Students will sign out and sign back into the classroom on the Sign out Sheet located at the front of the classroom

Please sign the following slip, acknowledging that you have read through and agree to the information provided. Then, return this slip only. The rest of the syllabus should be saved for your records. Thank you.

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Parent Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you did not receive my email Subject: Greetings, please provide the email address you would like me to send important classroom information to.

Write neatly please:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this page only, keep the rest of the syllabus for your records.

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