

*Ida Middle School*  
*7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics*  
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*2023-2024*

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In order to ensure a successful academic year, 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\\_MI\\_Math\\_Standards\\_REV\\_470033\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/K-12_MI_Math_Standards_REV_470033_7.pdf)

8th grade is specifically page 52-58.

**Textbook:**

- Pre-Algebra: Big Ideas Pre-Algebra Grade 8: MRL CC 2022
  
- Algebra 1: Big Ideas Algebra 1: High School Edition: Algebra 1 AGA CC 2022

**Homework/Homework Policy:**

Students are expected to complete any incomplete assignments at home. We will have time in class to work on assignments, so

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there should not be too much homework. Homework problems in the Big Ideas curriculum varies per assignment. Approximately from 15 to 25 problems per day. Students should have the assignments documented in their planner, please check the planner nightly and verify that the assignments are completed. Check your students' grade book weekly on the home access center. I will send the homework schedule weekly via email. Most math sections will be over 2 or 3 days therefore there will be some time in class for homework. Therefore, there should be a relatively small number of homework problems to be done at home most days. (Only the ones not completed in class)

Homework grading:

Each assignment will be worth 10 points.

5 points for completion on time. Each day late will be -1 point.

5 points 90-100% correct

4 points 80-89% correct

3 points 70-79% correct

2 points 60-69% correct

1 point 50-59% correct

All homework assignments students will be able to correct up to 5 problems for full credit.

Quizzes and Tests will be graded by percent score. Students will be able to correct students will be able to correct up to 5 problems for full credit on these assignments.

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**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 complete missed handouts/assignment. When a student is absent, they are responsible for completing 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.

**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**

\* Graph Paper

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- \* Pencils or blue/black ballpoint pens
- \* Dry Erase Markers (Important for students to have we write on the desks to show work and easily erase mistakes before transferring to the homework)
- \* Highlighter(s)
- \* Eraser

Classroom Donations (These are appreciated if you can 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:**

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 school and classroom rules and expectations.

- Only pencils and blue or black ink, highlighters, and dry erase markers will be permitted in class.

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- 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
4. Parent Phone Call/Parent Meeting depending on the severity of the offense.

**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 with their planner. Note: There are only 10 passes per week in the planner.

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There are 2 options for signing the syllabus: Signed syllabus is worth 5 points for your student(s).

1. 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.
2. Fill out the Google form that I have sent to your email address.

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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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