

## Course Description:

GRADE SEVEN, PRE-ALGEBRA  
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**TEXTBOOK:** Glencoe, **Pre-Algebra**, c. 1999  
Web Site: [www.glencoe.com](http://www.glencoe.com)

**ASSIGNMENTS/OTHER INFORMATION:** [www.schoolnotes.com](http://www.schoolnotes.com)

### **SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- a textbook in a study location at home
- a 3-ring binder with paper, section dividers, and zipper case
- a spiral bound notebook with 3 holes for doing homework(optional),
- a planbook for assignments,
- sharpened pencils with erasers,
- colored pens (not black)for correcting homework,
- a metric/customary ruler at least 6 inches,
- a *scientific* calculator (not *graphing*)-to be used when suggested. (Students will be instructed when to use this which is generally during the second half of the year.)
- suggested extras: scissors, highlighters, compass, protractor, colored pencils, colored markers

### **NOTEBOOK (binder):**

Many students find that good organization really helps them reach their goals. So each student must have a Math Notebook. It will be used to keep lined paper, class notes, practice sheets, supplies, reference papers, and homework papers (either loose-leafed or spiral-bound).The notebook must be organized into 5 labeled sections:

1. Class **Notes**;
2. Practice **Sheets**, Silly Saying Sheets, and Puzzle Sheets;
3. **Homework** from Text, (spiral-bound notebook if used);
4. **Quizzes/Tests/Grades**;
5. **Reference** papers to be kept all year. This includes the Math Tool Box.

#### **ALSO IN YOUR NOTEBOOK:**

- A zippered pencil/pen holder is a recommended addition to the binder.
- Each entry should include name, T#, and date and be kept in order of dates.
- A notebook quiz grade may be given each term.
- The Weekly Assignment Sheet should be placed in the front of the homework section and checked off as it is completed.

### **BEHAVIOR/EXPECTATIONS:**

- Come to class on time, ready to try your best and be respectful to others/yourself.
- Bathroom trips during class should be rare. Do not leave the class during lecture, discussion or practice. If necessary, be sure to sign out, take the pass, and sign in.
- Bring necessary supplies. You may use a "locker pass" once during each term.
- In class discussion, one person speaks at a time. In groups, use a "3-foot" voice.
- Consequences for inappropriate behavior may be a detention after school.

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### **HONESTY:**

- Students must do their own work or discuss work with another. **NEVER COPY ANSWERS.**
- Cheating of any form is unacceptable. This includes copying work and/or answers during a quiz, test, or homework. There should never be discussion of a test or quiz question with another

person during a test/quiz or before it is handed in to me. There should be no notes used during a test unless you have my permission to use them. Talking about a test to a student who has not yet taken the test is considered cheating.

•Consequences for not following these expectations may result in a 0% on the test/quiz/hw.

### **HOMEWORK:**

Expect math homework every day. (A Weekly Assignment Sheet will be distributed every Monday.) The nightly assignment should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Remember to have a special place at home where you can concentrate to do homework. It is a good idea to do your homework at the same time every evening. Studies have shown that **"Same Time, Same Place"** brings success!

**The odd-numbered problems should be corrected with pen as you do your homework.** The even-numbered problems will be corrected by the student **with pen** during the next class period. I will check to see if you did a complete job. After a homework assignment has been corrected, it should be kept in your notebook for later study or reworking.

**Late homework is due as soon as possible** (not accepted after the chapter test) and the student will receive a grade reflecting its quality and lateness. Any late homework or homework done after an absence should be placed in my **blue basket** on my desk.

### **GRADES:**

**Tests** will be given at the end of each chapter. At least 2 days notice will be given. The test average is **approximately two-thirds of the term grade.**

A **Quiz** will be given about every fourth day. Advance notice will be given in the previous class period. Each quiz grade is equal to one-half a test grade. Homework will count as one quiz grade during each marking period.

**Pop quizzes** may be given at any time, no advance notice. Two pop quizzes adds to one quiz. ALWAYS BE READY FOR A POP! (I usually drop the lowest pop quiz in a marking period.)

**Retakes** on Tests and Quizzes are given at 3:00 on Tuesdays or Thursdays. These may be taken by students who have **gotten below a 70% on a quiz or a test and have done all their homework on time** and have come to see me for **extra help**. This option is only available during **Term 1 and 2.**

**Makeups** on Tests or Quizzes for which you have been **absent** should be taken soon after you return from your absence. For instance, if you are absent for 2 days, the make up should be taken in about 2 days. Always complete homework and see me for help before you make up a test or quiz that you missed during an absence. Arranging this is **your responsibility.**

### **EXTRA HELP:**

I will be available for extra help after school on most Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:15 - 3:00. Makeups and Retakes can be taken from 3:00 - 4:00. My extra help days will be printed on the weekly assignment sheet. Please make an appointment so I know you are coming. If you would like a private time for extra help, please see me to make arrangements. I encourage you to plan your ride home at either 3:00 or 4:00.

**Good luck this year! Math can be useful and FUN!**

**\*\*\*Mrs. Hadden\*\*\***