



HONORS MATH 3

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How will I be graded?

Quarter Grades:

Homework	15%
Quizzes	25%
Tests	60%

Semester Grades:

1st Quarter	40%
2nd Quarter	40%
Exam	20%

What should I bring?

You need to have:

3-ring binder
Loose-leaf paper
Mechanical pencils with erasers
Graphing Calculator (TI-83 or 84)
Colored Pencils or Pens
Graph Paper

If you are purchasing a calculator, I recommend a TI-84 Plus. This will be used throughout all high school math courses, including AP Calculus and AP Statistics and in Chemistry and Physics.

I would love donations of:

Hand Sanitizer
Tissues

What is Honors Math 3?

Honors Math III is a course that will include topics from geometry, algebra, statistics and probability. It is the third course in the Common Core series of mathematics—at the honors level, the expectation is that students are comfortable with the topics presented in Math I and II because there is little time allotted for review. Students in this course should be strong mathematics students who finished Honors Math 2 with an A or B and who look forward to a challenging, rigorous mathematics experience.

Do we have a textbook?

No, there is no textbook for this class - you will be building your own textbook. Because of this, it is essential that you keep a neat notebook. Students who are absent should borrow a friend's notes, or the class copy of the notes, to copy.

Attendance and Make-up Work

Attendance is absolutely essential in this course. The topics in this course build on each previous day, therefore making it very important that you be present in class. In the event that you are absent, ALL work must be made-up. If you know in advance of your absence, please get your assignments and notes in advance. If you are out, please email me and I can send your missing work or you may check the website. Students who are absent on the day of an assessment will be given the assessment during class the next day they are present. Only those students who miss multiple classes will be allowed to schedule a makeup test. Please do not miss my class with-

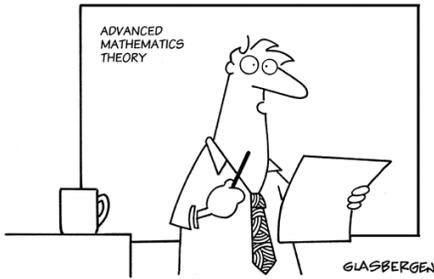
Homework Policy

- There will be homework every day. You are expected to do it daily. Students who do not practice the skills taught will have a difficult time doing well in this class.
- Homework is checked based on whether or not it was attempted. Work should be shown at all times - **no credit will be given for lists of answers.**
- Homework credit will be given as 100% (all problems attempted), 50% (half or more problems attempted) or 0% (less than half attempted).
- All students will start with a 100 homework average. Each missed homework assignment will count as a deduction of 4 points from the total homework average; each half-assignment missed will count as a deduction of 2 points.
- Review sheets will be given prior to every test and collected at the beginning of the period on test day. A homework grade will be given based on completion, not accuracy. Late review sheets will be an automatic 30 points off.

Helpful Websites

Stuck on something? Check out these websites for additional explanations!

- <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- <http://www.wcpss.net/students/homework-help/>



"Today's test is 70% of your final grade which makes up 35% of your grade for the semester and 20% of your GPA for 50% of your scholastic career for 15% of the curriculum. If you can explain this to the person next you, you pass the test."

What you can expect from me...

- I will treat you with respect.
- I will come to class prepared to teach each day.
- I will start class promptly when the bell rings and I will use your time wisely.
- I will be positive and believe in you!
- I will be available to help you.
- I will enforce the school rules—please do not ask me to do otherwise.
- I will return your assignments in a timely manner.

What about projects?

A number of projects will be assigned this semester. These should be taken seriously, as students can boost their grades through the careful completion of these projects. Do not procrastinate, as serious penalties will apply to late projects. All projects will be graded according to clear guidelines and/or rubrics that will be distributed when the project is assigned.

What about extra credit?

Occasionally, there will be extra, challenging problems on tests and students may earn extra credit in that manner, but no additional assignments will be given to boost grades. Your grade should and will reflect your performance in class. Grades will be rounded according to generally accepted rounding rules. No extra points will be awarded.

Extra help is available!

I am here most Tuesdays and every Wednesday for help; Check the poster on my bulletin board for additional extra help opportunities.

What I will expect from you...

- Be respectful of your fellow students, the teacher, and yourself. This means staying alert and awake during class. My classroom is a place where students should feel comfortable expressing their thoughts and asking questions and I have little tolerance for those who disrupt the learning environment.
- Have the integrity to do your best every day and to do your own work. **Cheating will not be tolerated** on tests or projects. Per school policy, students will receive a 0. Calculators may be used for "mathematical purposes" only. Calculators will be *reset prior to each test*.
- Be prepared. Come to class on time and prepared, with an attitude for learning and with all your materials ready.
- Be prompt - please be in your seat when the bell rings with homework, notes, and sharpened pencil on your desk. You are tardy if you are not in the classroom when the bell rings.
- Be positive. Expect success! With a teachable attitude, daily class work and careful review, you will succeed. Believe you can do it and you will! Work hard and you can accomplish anything!
- Be responsible—let me know when you are starting to have trouble. Come in for extra help. Make up work from absences in a timely fashion. Keep up with materials in your notebook.
- Follow school rules, particularly:

No hats.

No food or drink, except water in a clear bottle.

Cell phones and other electronics should not be seen or heard or they will be confiscated.

How will I know what my current grade is?

All students will receive progress reports every three weeks through each grading period. These are to be signed and returned. Students who fail to return progress reports should expect that their parents will be contacted. Parents and students can check their grades through PowerSchool—grades are updated in real time. I update grades as soon as papers are graded, so the grade that appears in PowerSchool is accurate.

There's a website for all of this!

All assignments, workbook pages, worksheets, and textbook exercises are posted on my Weebly account. I even post answer keys to homework and review sheets!

<http://msnorrismathfvhs.weebly.com/>

