

TIMPANOGOS HIGH SCHOOL

MATHEMATICS - DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

Instructor: Bonnie Jennings

Course: Geometry

Text: Geometry: Reasoning, Applying, Measuring (McDougal Littell)

I. Mathematics Department Mission Statement

We believe that math is important to understand the world we live in and to open doors of opportunity. As educators, we will strive to create a learning environment where all students can enjoy success. In order to achieve that success, students and educators need to attend, contribute, and demonstrate good character.

II. Brief Course Description

The major postulates and theorems of Euclidean geometry form the basis of this course. Logical structures are investigated. Geometric constructions and coordinate geometry are studied and non-Euclidean geometries are introduced. Trigonometric ratios are used to solve triangle problems.

III. Needed Materials - Bring to class every day!

1. A three ring binder to be used for math class only.
2. Five dividers for the binder marked learning logs, quizzes, notes, assignments, reviews.
3. Lined paper. (Please – no spiral bound paper. ☺)
4. At least three sharpened pencils. (Or a mechanical pencil with refills.)
5. A scientific calculator.

IV. Homework and Grading Policies

You can expect approximately 40 minutes of **daily** homework. It will be due at the beginning of the next class session. **You must show your work on each problem to receive credit. Part of becoming an expert at anything is the practice involved. When you practice math well, you will be better prepared for and less anxious about your exams.** Homework and quizzes are graded each day in class. Tests will be graded and returned within one to three class sessions. Grades are updated regularly and may be checked on power school. (www.timpanogos.alpinedistrict.org)

Grades are based on homework assignments (20%), quizzes (20%), notebooks (10%), and tests (50%), and will follow the scale below. Our goal is for all students to achieve success in this and future math courses. To achieve that success the Timpanogos High School Math Department has set a minimum competency level of 70%.

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| A | 93-100% | B | 83-86% | C | 73-76% |
| A- | 90-92% | B- | 80-82% | C- | 70-72% |
| B+ | 87-89% | C+ | 77-79% | F | 69% and below |

Note: If during the first three terms a student's percentage is between 65% and 69%, **for one term only** the failing grade will be replaced with a "D-" if a grade of "C" or better is earned in the following term.

V. Make-up Work

Based upon the Timpanogos High School Attendance policy, **missed assignments due to absence may be made up provided a note or phone call from a parent or guardian excusing the absence is received at the Attendance office within one week.** Any missed work due to unexcused absences may not be made up for credit and therefore will affect the academic grade.

If a student is absent on the date an assignment is given and the absence is excused, the student will have the number of days he/she was absent plus one day to turn in the assignment. After that date the assignment will become a "0" in the grade book. If your absence is due to an excused school activity, your assignment will be due before you leave for the activity. Late work due to unpreparedness will not be accepted. **Tests missed due to excused absences must be made up before the next class session or in class on the day the student returns.**

VI. Tests

Test scores are directly related to homework preparedness. Students should seek help immediately for concepts not understood. (I am available after school Tues. – Fri. for help until 3:45 pm. However at 3:45 pm I will ask students to leave so that I can prepare for the next school day.)

If a student is prepared daily and studies before test day, his/her test score will reflect that preparedness. Retakes will not be given. For security reasons, all tests must be completed within the class period. Extra time after school will not be allowed.

VII. Classroom Rules

1. Begin the problem of the day immediately when the bell rings.
2. LISTEN when the teacher is talking.
3. Raise your hand and wait to be recognized before speaking.
4. Work quietly on the daily homework assignment until the bell rings.
5. **NO FOOD. NO CANDY. NO DRINKS.**

I expect the **BEST** from my students. Quality work, timeliness, and a positive attitude will help you have a successful experience. Come to class prepared to do your best, and I will do my best to help you learn well.

VIII. Cell Phones, MP3's and Other Electronic Equipment

These devices are not allowed in the classroom. (District Policy #2.4) Their use is disrespectful and rude to the teacher and distract you and others from learning. If they are used during class they will be confiscated and delivered to the principal's office at a convenient time. A parent will be notified and may pick up the device from the principal's office. (See the Student Directory.)

IX. Cheating

All work is to be a student's own. Cheating on assignments, quizzes, or tests or talking to others during a test will result in a "0" which will be averaged with the student's other scores to determine his/her final grade.

X. Tardy and Attendance Policy

Punctual attendance is important for success in school and in life. Tardiness and excessive absence shows a lack of respect and dedication. Meaningful instruction begins when the bell rings and continues throughout the entire class period. You will do your best if you are in class and on time. We will adhere to the Timpanogos High School Attendance Policy. (See the Student Directory.)

XI. Accommodations

Individuals who have disabilities and need accommodations should inform me as soon as possible.

XII. If you have any questions or concerns about any of these policies, please contact me immediately:

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