

**Math 8 - Course Information**  
**Ms. Whiten**

**Materials:**

- Go Math Textbook (students will be provided with ONE copy)
- Notebook (a section in your divided 3-ring binder, composition book or spiral notebook)
- Do now book (students will be provided with ONE copy)
- Sharpened pencils
- Paper
- Graph paper

**\*Please be certain to bring all materials daily. You may not leave class to get something out of your locker.**

**Beginning of class:** Have all necessary materials (to include retrieving calculator), be seated, and complete the Do now for the day.

**Homework:** Homework for the week will be given in class Monday. This is done so students can plan ahead if they know they have a commitment one night of the week. The homework sheet will be checked for completion daily, but taken up and graded for accuracy each Friday. The sheet will also be available online at <https://mcsd.instructure.com/courses/99266>.

**\*You will be graded both on effort and accuracy, so you have to show ALL your work and try EVERY problem to receive credit. Students start off with a 100 and lose 5 points each time they do not have their homework completed or they do not show their work. Late homework will not be accepted unless you were absent or have a tardy slip. Homework is expected to be completed **independently at home**. Any dishonestly with homework will result in the loss of the entire week's points (25).**

**Make-up Work:** If you are absent, you will need to check online for the classwork and/or homework assignments you will need to make-up. Missed assignments due to an absence must be made up within 3 days.

With regard to making up a test/quiz, the following procedure will be implemented:

- ✓ For make-up of tests for which the student had prior knowledge of, the test will be taken in class on the day of return.
- ✓ If student was unaware of the test prior to the absence, then the test will be made up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of return.

**Late Work:** Since homework is gone over each day in class, no late homework is accepted. For all other assignments, there will be a 15 Point deduction taken each day for 3 days. After 3 days, late work will no longer be accepted and will result in a zero.

**Tests and Quizzes:** Advance notice will be given before a test and a practice test will be provided for homework on the night before a test. Quizzes will not always be announced.

**IXL:** IXL is an online personalized learning program <https://www.ixl.com/>. Students are required to complete 30 minutes of the program each week- additional time will be rewarded with House Points. There should be no issue getting 30 minutes completed, as students will have allotted in class and a personal Chromebook to use in school. In order to be eligible for extra credit, this required time must be met each week.

**Extra Credit:** Extra credit assignments are offered throughout the year as an acceleration/extension of the standards. This is designed to challenge students and deepen their understanding, so they will be difficult

and all work must be shown to receive credit. All activities will count 5 points towards the homework average and are due at the end of each 9 weeks. In addition, bonus questions are on most tests. Students may also earn 5 extra points on graded tests and quizzes by bringing them back to me the next day, signed and dated by a parent.

**Weight Scale:**

Tests 50%

Homework 20%

Quizzes, CCGPS tasks, and other assignments 30%

**Parent Portal:**

Infinite campus has a parent portal where you can view your child's grades, attendance, etc. If you had a log in last year, it will continue to work. If you have never been to parent portal, you will need to get an access code. The front office will let you know when this information is available to you. Please see the school website for the link.

**Notebooks:** This course information sheet should be kept all year in your math notebook of choice. We will have a write in text, but students will need a notebook for foldables, additional notes, and for showing work for problems in the text. Students may put these items in a composition book, spiral notebook, or just on regular paper in their 3 ring binder....it is their choice, but it must be kept up with and in one place.

**Cell Phone Usage:** ACMS follows the MCSD policy on electronic devices. Cell phones should not be visible and powered off. Calculators are provided, so there is no need for them in math class.

**During the first week of class, we will explain:**

\*Classroom procedures

\* Collection of assignments

\*Keeping a notebook

\*How to show work

\* Behavior and discipline

\*Quizzes and tests

Please read the agenda book for school-wide information and check the school website often. You may email me at [Whiten.Caitlin.N@muscogee.k12.ga.us](mailto:Whiten.Caitlin.N@muscogee.k12.ga.us) with any questions or concerns. I look forward to a great year!

Please fill out the attached form. It will count as your child's first homework assignment. This sheet will stay in your child's notebook, as a reminder of the policies and procedures.

**I have read the Course Information sheet thoroughly and understand the expectations and policies.**

**Student printed name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent email(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have internet access at home?** \_\_\_\_\_