

Mr Jensen's College Prep Math Disclosure 2016-2017

room number: 204

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Students and parents: I am so excited to be joining the AMES team this year! I've been teaching for twenty years and have worked with a wide range of students, but I have never had the opportunity to work at a place like AMES. Already I have been impressed with the students and the faculty; their energy and enthusiasm is contagious. AMES truly is a special place and I feel very fortunate to be here. I look forward to serving you this year.

textbook: At this time, no textbook has been assigned to the class. Rather, we will use online programs and focused group work time to revisit past math topics that are typical stumbling blocks for students. It is possible that a textbook will be used at a future date if it seems appropriate. For now, I prefer to compile materials that match the needs of the class.

Required Materials: Students are required to bring a math notebook (issued to students by the teacher), and a pencil every day. Classroom sets of graphing calculators will be used in class so students are not required to have their own, but for those planning to go to college, it is worth considering the purchase of a graphing calculator.

Graphing Calculators:

As mentioned, I am not requiring students to purchase a graphing calculator. You may choose to rent one from the school for \$45 for the school year. Please see me for a calculator contract if you wish to do this. Those wishing to purchase a calculator should buy a TI-84 or TI-nspire.

Grading Scale:

A	93 -100%	B+	83-86%	C+	77-79%	F	Below 67%
A-	90-92%	B	83-86%	C	73-76%		
B+	87-89%	B-	80-82%	C-	67-72%		

How Grades are Calculated:

quizzes	35%
assignments	35%
participation	30%

Grading Policies:

Quizzes: We will take frequent quizzes to check for progress. Some will be retakeable, some will not. I will specify if a quiz is retakeable.

Assignments: Much of our work will come from online programs. Students are encouraged to use these programs at home on their own time. Homework in the classic form of a worksheet will be assigned periodically (not daily).

Participation: students are expected to stay focused, take notes, ask questions, and participate fully in group work to receive full credit each day. Students may lose points for cell phone usage, talking out of turn repeatedly, or disrupting the flow of the lesson.

Behavior expectations:

Be on time: you will lose 3 participation points for being tardy.

Participate: refrain from carrying on a side conversation as I am teaching. Learn to sit at a table with friends, focused on the lesson. Learn the team roles and do your job completely.

Stay off your cell phone: I will subtract from your daily participation points if this is a problem.

Ask questions: it is important for you to learn to take charge of your own learning.

Don't put off getting extra help: I am more than happy to help you, but act early , as soon as you sense that you are not understanding what is going on in the class.

Extra Help: I am available every day before school, after school and at lunch to give help to struggling students. You are always welcome to drop in but if you want to meet in the morning please let me know ahead of time.

Absences: if you are absent it is your responsibility to get the work you missed. If your absence is excused you can make up any quiz you may have missed.

AMES offers free tutoring every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45-5:30 in room 204 (my room). This is a great opportunity! Take advantage of it.

Mr. Jensen's tips for success in math class

- 1) Do your homework the night it is assigned, while the ideas are fresh in your mind.
- 2) Notice if you are slipping behind and act quick before you become overwhelmed.

Signature Page

Please complete this form and return with your student.

Student Name _____

Period _____

Student Email _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

I have read and understand the grading and behavior policies and expectations for Mr. Jensen's class.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date