

Mr Jensen's Math I Honors Disclosure 2016-2017

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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: *Core Connections Algebra*, College Preparatory Mathematics. We will use a classroom set, and students can access homework problems at home online. A limited number of textbooks and e-books can be checked out to students.

Required Materials: Students are required to bring their math notebook (issued to students by the teacher) and a pencil every day. All other materials (rulers, compasses etc.) will be provided by me.

Graphing Calculators:

We will use graphing calculators extensively in class. Though we have a classroom set to use, I strongly encourage students to invest in their own graphing calculator. Those looking to purchase a calculator should get a TI-84 or a TI-nspire. I will demonstrate with the TI-84, so nspire users will need to learn how to use it on their own. Calculators are available to rent for \$45 a year. Please see me for a rental form.

Grading Scale:

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

How Grades are Calculated:

Tests	40%
quizzes	20%
homework	20%
daily points	20%

Grading Policies:

Tests: Tests are given at the end of each chapter. Students cannot retake tests.

Quizzes: quizzes are given mid-chapter to give students an idea of how they are doing with the new material. They are not dropped but can be retaken.

Homework: homework is assigned after every class period. Students must complete every problem to receive full credit. Homework that is over half completed but not complete will receive half credit. Homework that is less than half done will receive no credit.

Daily points: students are expected to stay focused, take notes, ask questions, and participate fully in their team roles to receive full credit each day. Cell phone use and other inappropriate behavior will result in a loss of points. Skill checks (a small quiz, basically), warm-ups, and notes all contribute to the daily points grade. If a student is absent, they will miss the points for the day but those points can be made up with an online assignment.

Behavior expectations:

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

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

Stay off your cell phone: I will subtract from your daily 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 help 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) If you are slipping behind, 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