

2018-2019 Procedures for Mrs. Ward's Math Classes (Math Apps)

Curriculum and Textbook:

Math Applications (Independent Studies) is an advanced mathematics course which takes previously learned math topics and applies them to real-world situations, interesting problems, and open-ended explorations. The "independent" description means that the curriculum is not limited to one of the traditional math courses such as Geometry or Algebra 2. You will compile resources in a learning journal that will act as your textbook.

Graphing Calculator:

You will be assigned a graphing calculator to use during the school year. You are responsible for returning it at the end of the school year (TI-84: \$100, TI-89: \$120 if not returned).

Grades:

Daily Work: 40% of six-weeks average; Major Work: 60% of six-weeks average
Midterm/Final: 20% of the semester average

Daily Work and Major Work:

Daily work will be collected regularly and graded based on both completion and accuracy. Major work includes quizzes, tests, projects, and some class activities (I will tell you when I plan to use an activity as a major grade). You will create a quiz/test helper sheet (one page, front/back, in your handwriting) that you may use during the quiz/test. Unless otherwise indicated, a quiz/test must be completed in one class period. Except in the case of excused absences, I will only accept late assignments until I return that set of papers.

Math Department Retest Policy:

If you score lower than a 70 on any assignment and would like a chance to raise it to a 70, it is your responsibility to let me know by the day after the assignment is returned. You may complete the substitute assignment on the next Wednesday at 7:30am.

Supplies:

Get a folder or notebook to hold your math papers (it is ok to use a section in a notebook that you share with another course). Bring your folder/notebook, graphing calculator, notebook paper, and a pencil to class every day. Store your supplies in your locker.

Class Rules:

Show respect to your classmates, yourself, and me. Bring required supplies to class. Stay mathematically engaged the entire class period. Follow all school rules.

Absences:

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed. Ask me at the end of class or during a lull in the class instruction. You will have the same number of days to make up your work as the number of days you were absent.

Extra help:

Occasionally, a student will work hard during class, complete all assigned work, create insightful quiz/test helper sheets, practice for tests, and still have trouble with the material. My college classes begin at 7:30am, so I will not be available before school for tutorials. Please let me know if you need extra help so that we can schedule a time to meet after school or during the school day with permission from your teacher and administration.