

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

Avon School District
Middle Mathematics Grades 6-8
Programs: i-Ready and Pearson

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Expectations

1. **All rules** from the student handbook will be enforced.
2. **Be prepared and on time**- have your textbook, workbook, notebook, and pencils.
3. **Respect everyone's right to learn**- be polite and considerate of one another.
4. **Take pride in your work**- be proud of what you accomplish, work hard, and do your best.
5. **Be a team player**- together we must strive for the success of *every* member of our class. Please offer assistance to those who need it, and do not be afraid to ask for help.



Consequences for Disrespectful Behavior

- 1st offense- Warning
(Verbal warning, change of seat, private conference with the student, phone call/email home)
- 2nd offense- Teacher disciplinary action
(After school detention; if detention is skipped, a referral will be submitted.)
- 3rd offense- Referral
(Removal from the classroom environment. A parent conference will be requested through guidance. Other academic teachers will be invited if there is a similar issue in their classes.)

Procedures

6. **Pencil!!!**-NO PENS, you must use a pencil! You may have to try a problem more than once, and I want you to be able to write a lot of information on your paper without fear of making a mistake.
7. **Notebook**- Keep your notes, handouts, and quizzes/tests well organized (preferably a three ring binder). Please have some blank paper and a folder in this binder at all times.
8. **Tardiness**- If you are tardy, please make sure that I receive your late pass. Tardiness without a pass (more than once or twice) will result in detention.
9. **Bathroom**- Ask me for permission. Only one student may be out of the room at a time. Unless it is an emergency, please do not ask when we are going over a problem on the board or as a class.
10. **Dismissal**- Stay in your seat until the bell rings. Do not gather by the door.
11. **Class Opener**- At the beginning of class, have your homework out to be checked and begin working quietly on any warm-up questions posted on the board.
12. **Homework**- Each day, the homework assignment will be posted on the board. Copy it down in your handbook.
13. **My Absence**- If I am absent, the expectations for our classroom do not change. I expect that you will conduct yourself in a respectful manner. Make me proud!
14. **Loaned Materials**- Please do not lose or damage your chromebook. If this occurs, you will be charged the replacement cost.
15. **Calculator**- You will need a basic scientific calculator.

Grading Policy

16. **Trimester grades** will be computed on a point system as follows: $\frac{\text{Number of earned points}}{\text{Number of possible points}}$
 - **Performance Tasks: 50-100 points** (Periodic projects such as computer labs, group work, presentations, etc.)
 - **Tests: 100 points** (assessing multiple concepts)
 - **Quizzes: 20-50 points** (assessing one or two concepts in preparation for tests)
 - **Homework/Classwork: 1-10 points** (includes homework checks as well as problem sets assigned after lessons to be completed in class)
17. **End of year grade** will be computed as follows: Trimester MP1, MP2, and MP3.

Homework and Classwork

18. Expect homework on a daily basis.
19. Homework will be checked for **completeness**, not correctness. *All* problems must be honestly attempted and all work must be shown. If you have trouble with a problem, I expect to see the question copied in its entirety and at least an attempt to solve it in order to receive full credit.
20. Each homework assignment is **worth 2 points (10 points for the week)** and is graded in accordance with the rubric:
 - 2- All problems are attempted. Answers are well thought out. Work is clear, neat, and shows excellent effort. Homework is on time. Answers are checked with provided solutions.
 - 1- Most problems are attempted and solutions checked. Average effort with messy work.
 - 0- Minimal or no problems are copied and completed. Minimal or no effort and work.
21. Each weekly i-Ready assignment is **worth 3 points** and is graded in accordance with the rubric:
 - 3- Weekly i-Ready assignment is on time and marked as “Passed.”
 - 2- Weekly i-Ready assignment is on time and marked as “Not Passed.”
 - 1- Weekly i-Ready assignment is incomplete and marked as “In Progress.”
 - 0- Weekly i-Ready assignment was not completed.

Absences and Attendance

You are responsible for reading and following the school's attendance policy as stated in the Handbook for Students and Parents, which you received on the first day of school.

22. For one day absences, on the day you return, you should:
 - Show me the homework that was due the day you were absent
 - Pick up any handouts you missed
 - Copy down the homework assignment on the day you were absent and complete it for the next class, along with the current assignment
 - Take any quiz or test given on the day of your absence
 - Take any test that is being given that day (even if you're out the previous day, the test won't contain anything new from the day before since the day before is a review day)
 - Arrange to copy any missed notes from a classmate
 - For any lengthy or known absence, see me to discuss a make-up schedule. PLEASE let me know well in advance.
23. All work missed due to an excused absence **MUST** be made up within one week of return to school, except in the case of an absence of more than one week.
24. Unexcused absences will count as a zero on any test, quiz, or homework that is not completed.

Extra Help

25. Extra help is available from me before school and after school by appointment. Please speak with me to arrange a specific meeting time.

Website and Internet Usage

26. Throughout the course, you may be asked to access the internet or websites for various assignments; all rules as stated in the Student Handbook must be followed.
27. If you are participating in a blog, there will be **ZERO TOLERANCE** for any inappropriate behavior or language. All submissions must pertain to subject matter.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Block: _____

Homework Assignment: Complete Course Expectations Signature Sheet

SIGNATURE SHEET

I have read the Course Expectations Sheet for Mr. Kuhlthau's class, and am aware of the rules, expectations, and procedures for the school year. I understand that I am responsible for the guidelines set forth in this document.

By signing this contract, I acknowledge and understand the policies governing room 202.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

I have reviewed the Course Expectations Sheet for my child's class, and understand what is expected of my child.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____