

Mrs. Murrell's 8th Grade Math Syllabus

Welcome to Mrs. Murrell's math class! I am very excited about this year!

Classroom Expectations

1. Respect yourself, respect others, and respect our classroom.
2. Actively participate in math class every day – includes bringing your notebook and chrome book (charged) EVERY DAY.
3. Complete all assignments - inside and outside the classroom (i.e. homework!) when assigned. Expect homework every night – even on Fridays!
4. Follow all school rules as stated in the Era School handbook.

Classroom Consequences:

1st - Verbal Warning

2nd – Student Conference and Parent Contact

3rd - Detention with Mrs. Murrell and Parent Contact

*Office Referral - After 3 detentions with Mrs. Murrell or serious offense

Grades:

***Grades can be accessed through TxEIS link on the Era homepage or app.**

Test (Formal Assessments such as Tests and Projects, Quizzes, etc.) - 45%

Daily Work (Activities such as Classwork, Bellwork and Homework) - 40%

Six Week Assessment (Formal Assessments done once or twice a six weeks) – 15%

Textbooks:

For 8th Grade math I will not be utilizing the textbook as our main source of learning. Students will create their own textbook, which I call an interactive notebook that will include notes and examples. I will also have help videos (video of the lesson) available for students and parents for view outside of class on the canvas platform. This can be used to re-watch the class lesson or if absent.

Formal Textbooks for 8th Grade Math are available online if you are needing more resources. Contact me if you are interested in this. Consumable textbook workbooks will be passed out to students during the first week of school for student use at discretion. This would be great extra practice for skills, if needed. Homework assignments will NOT be assigned in the textbook workbooks.

Interactive Notebooks:

We will be creating interactive notebooks (INB) in math class for notes. Students should have their math composition notebook with them each day in class. Notebooks will be graded at various intervals throughout each six weeks to insure students are actively engaged in the creation of their notebook. This is where notes and examples will be written.

Supplies Needed:

See my webpage to see an up to date school supply list. Students should come to class prepared each day with supplies. Please monitor and restock daily school supplies throughout the year (like pencils, etc.)

Calculators:

8th Grade Math students are allowed to use Graphing Calculators. A classroom set will be available for students to use during class time, however, no calculators will be issued to students for use outside of class time. Parents can purchase a calculator (TI-84 Plus) for students to use. This calculator will be an investment, as it will continue to be useful for the students as they progress into high school math courses. **This is not a requirement, it is highly recommended.

Absent Work:

As stated in the student handbook, students have one day extra per day of absence to turn in absent work. For example, if a student is absent one day, they have 1 additional day from the due date to turn in the assignment. (Student should write the word ABSENT at the top of the paper when turning in.) Please note that the lesson for each day will be recorded and available for students to access at home. This is highly recommended for students to access when absent.

Late Work:

If a student fails to turn in an assignment on the due date for any reason other than an absence due to illness or school related absence, the assignment will be counted late. The student should turn in the assignment in a timely manner in order to practice and receive feedback on the skill when the skill is being taught. Any late assignment turned in within 1 week of the due date will receive a grade UP TO a 50. Late papers must be turned in within one week in which they are due in order to receive any credit.

Example: If a paper is due on Tuesday and it is turned in from Wednesday through the following Tuesday, the student can receive up to a 50. If it is turned in past the following Tuesday no credit will be given.

Corrections:

Students are able to correct any daily assignments – no matter the grade. Corrections must be completed and turned in within one week after the due date or they will not be accepted.

To make corrections on a test, the student must come for a tutoring session and complete corrections in my classroom. Tests should not leave my classroom. Please note: In the case of remote testing, students might take a retest rather than do test corrections.

Tutorials:

Students have the responsibility of listening carefully and taking notes daily. However, if a lesson is unclear, tutorials and help videos will be available for each student before and after school. It is your responsibility to ask for help, so please remember to always ASK QUESTIONS!!!

Before school from 7:30 – 7:50 am

After school by appointment

Webpage:

Lesson plans will be posted on my website. There will be links to other helpful information.

Teacher Contact Information:

Parents and Guardians, if you have any questions or concerns, please either email me at murrellc@eraisd.net or call the school and leave me a message. I will get back with you as soon as possible. I check email often, so that is the quickest way to contact me.

I look forward to a fun and exciting year!!



Mrs. Murrell

Parents:

Please review and sign this page with your student. You can keep the other pages for your reference.

Student Name: _____ Period: _____
(Please print)

Student: I have read and understand all aspects of Mrs. Murrell's classroom expectations. I understand that by signing this I will be responsible for all information provided in this syllabus.

Student Signature _____

Parent: I have read and gone over this syllabus with my student. I understand that my student will be held responsible for all of the information provided in this syllabus.

Parent Signature _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

The best way to contact me is through (please check one): Phone Email Other