

Wells Middle School

Course Descriptions and Math Department Policies

The math department expects every student to come to school...

Respectful, Responsible, Ready to Learn

All of our Mathematics courses will be taught using California Common Core State Standards, for a comprehensive list of those standards, please visit the California CCSS website at:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/documents/ccssmathstandardaug2013.pdf>

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

All entering students will have been tested and enrolled in the appropriate class according to the district placement policy. Upon completion of every grade, multiple placement measures (course test average, hw completion, placement test, etc) will be used to determine skill based placement for following year. These same multiple measures will be used for new student placement.

ALGEBRA 1: The fundamental purpose of this course is to formalize and extend the mathematics that students learned in the middle grades. The critical areas, called units, deepen and extend understanding of linear and exponential relationships by contrasting them with each other and by applying linear models to data that exhibit a linear trend, and students engage in methods for analyzing, solving, and using quadratic functions. The Mathematical Practice Standards apply throughout each course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of problem situations. The critical areas include: Relationships between quantities and reasoning with equations; Linear and exponential relationships; Descriptive statistics; Expressions and equations; Quadratic functions and modeling.

MATH DEPARTMENT POLICIES

Homework/Classwork

Homework is defined as independent preview, practice, or completion of skills/concepts taught. As such, it is not worth a large percentage toward your student's final grade. In general, math homework is assigned nightly, including weekends (Friday night). We try very hard to keep the number of minutes reasonable as to fit in with your student's other core classes and, in total (academic classes), their time shall not exceed 2 hours total per night. If that is not the case, and your students' focused time is more than that, please contact us. Also, project-type assignments' due dates will not fall on the first day of school after a holiday.

MISSING WORK: Since homework is a valuable practice to reinforce the day's lesson, timely completion of the assignment is of utmost importance. If a student does not have an assignment on the date due, there will be a school-determined opportunity to complete the assignment the same day for full credit. Students will have until **the end of the current unit** to receive partial credit (up to 4/5) on a late assignment.

RE-DO WORK: If an assignment is incomplete, done in pen, or does not have work shown, the assignment will receive less credit, and the teacher will ask for the assignment to be re-done. If asked to Re-Do assignment, student can earn at most 4/5 HW points. Students have until the end of the current unit to turn in re-do work.

ABSENT WORK: It is the student's responsibility to check for assignments missed. Students have the same number of days of the absence to make up the work. Assignments will be listed on the board, or by accessing the teacher's web page at the DUSD website. A COPY OF CLASS NOTES WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.

Grading

Each student's grade is based upon the following percentages beginning new each quarter, and **grades will be reported in Infinite Campus at least 3 times per quarter.**

Test/Quizzes	85%
Homework	10%
Notes/Participation/Organization	5%

Assignments and Quarter grades are based upon the following scale:

>=100%	A+	89-88%	B+	79-78%	C+	69-68%	D+	59-0%	F
99-92%	A	87-82%	B	77-72%	C	67-62%	D		
91-90%	A-	81-80%	B-	71-70%	C-	61-60%	D-		

Classroom Guidelines

Students are expected to

- follow directions the first time.
- act courteous toward and show respect for classmates and teachers.
- come to class prepared to participate. This includes bringing required supplies to class daily.
- take care of personal hygiene (hair combing, makeup, etc.) outside of class.
- know they may not chew gum on campus, nor are food or drinks allowed in the classroom.
- follow all other school rules.

The consequences for not following these guidelines are

1st offense: Students receive a verbal warning.

2nd offense: If the student does not refocus or correct the behavior, a parent may be contacted and a detention may be assigned.

3rd offense: If behavior persists, the student will receive an administrative referral

Supplies

Students must bring to class **EVERY DAY:**

- **more than 2 sharpened pencils with erasers or mechanical pencils with a supply of lead.**
- 2 felt tip or ballpoint pens (any but black, red is best) for correcting.
- A continual supply of 8¹/₂ x 11 inch binder paper and graph paper.
- A designated section to math in a shared binder to keep assignments, exams, and any other handouts.
- A Wells Middle School Binder Reminder (or other day planner) for recording daily assignments. Students will be required to fill them out every day, even when there is NO homework.

Other supplies that students should have at home to be used throughout the year on an as needed basis include an inexpensive calculator, graph paper, scissors, ruler, glue, construction paper, poster board, markers, crayons, colored pencils, and index cards.

Assignments/Test & Quizzes

Students are expected to KEEP all returned assignments & tests/quizzes. Since students will not have access to lockers, I will allow assignments to be kept at home. Notebook checks may require student to bring specific assignments from home, so please keep them in a safe place. Organization is part of your overall grade and is ESSENTIAL to success in math class. There are no test or quiz re-takes. Student's grades are based on mastery of essential standards and the support work aligned to the standards.

Tardies

Do not come to class late! This is your verbal warning. If you are tardy to class, you will receive a 10-minute detention after school in my classroom; "no show" to that detention means the student will serve 45 minutes at the school sponsored detention, detailed in the handbook. IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT STUDENTS ARRIVE TO CLASS ON TIME AND PREPARED!

Note-Taking

- Daily notes MUST be titled with the numerical section, title and learning objective
- Students must copy all explanations and examples written down by the instructor, as well as any verbal comments relevant to the material.
- Daily notes must be neat and organized and clear of pictures or 'doodles'
- Daily notes should be used REGULARLY to assist student with homework assignments.

Notes will be checked REGULARLY, as they are ESSENTIAL to success in math class. If a student is absent, he or she must request a copy of the missed notes, teachers will provide a copy of notes, and the student must copy the notes in his or her spiral notebook or notes folder.

Math Department Information

It is the student's responsibility to ask for additional help if needed. Teachers will post on the board the days they may be available after school and/or at lunch time for the given week. We are always available at least one day a week after school.

Parents and/or students can contact teachers using the following information

<i>Staff Member</i>	<i>Room Number</i>	<i>Extension at 925.828.6227</i>	<i>email prefix for @dublinusd.org</i>	<i>Website</i>
Mrs. Andrea Bloom	H-24	6132	bloomandrea	http://www.dublin.k12.ca.us/Domain/434
Mrs. Heidi Evans	H-22	6042	evansheidi	http://www.dublinusd.org//Domain/445
Mr. Alex Cardoso	H-26	6052	cardosoalex	https://www.dublin.k12.ca.us/Domain/1839
Ms. Melissa Silva	H-25	6179	silvamelissa	http://www.dublin.k12.ca.us/Domain/461
Ms. Roshni Mistry	H-1	6049	mistryroshni	https://www.dublin.k12.ca.us/Domain/1670

Mrs. Chandrani Deb	H-23	6134	debchandrani	http://www.dublinusd.org/Domain/994
Mrs. Elizabeth Raskin	H-29	6178	raskinelizabeth	https://www.dublin.k12.ca.us/Domain/1652