

**West Ridge Middle School Math 6/7**

**Ms. Castaneda**

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**Conference: 9:30 – 10:20**

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**Mission:**

“Eanes ISD middle school teachers are committed to grading and assessing in the best interest of our students. We believe grades and assessments communicate content knowledge, guide instruction, and reveal opportunities for enrichment and intervention.”

**Course Description:**

This is an accelerated program designed to prepare students to study Algebra I in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The course consists of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and will have a strong emphasis on relating math to the real world through critical thinking and mathematical reasoning. It is a fast-paced course that covers numbers and operations, proportionality, expressions, equations and relationships, measurement, data, and financial literacy. **Students are expected to maintain at least an 80% average on all assessments.**

**Materials:**

3-ring binder (1-2 inches)  
Composition notebook or 3-subject spiral notebook  
5 dividers (warm up, graded work, quizzes, tests, and miscellaneous)  
Notebook paper (keep in your binder)  
Grading pen  
Pencils

**Tutoring:** Ms. Karandikar in room 109 Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 A.M.

**Daily Procedures:**

Wait outside until you have been greeted by Ms. Castaneda with a handshake.  
Check trays for instructions/warm up.  
Check class calendar for daily information/reminders.  
Complete warm up  
Grade previous night’s homework  
Current lesson and homework

**Homework Policy:**

All homework is to be completed in pencil and is due at the beginning of class the following day. You must show your work, or you will be asked to try again. The lowest daily grade will be dropped at the END of each grading period. Absent students are responsible for collecting their make-up work and turning it in on time. You receive one day for every day absent to turn in make-up work. Talk to Ms. Castaneda BEFORE the assignments are due if you think you need more time.

**Grading:**

Major (tests, projects, etc.) – 55%  
Daily (learning check, warm up, quiz, etc.) – 35%  
Homework – 10%

**Class Communication:**

Weebly – <http://wrmsscstaneda.weebly.com> (public access)

Class calendar

Course syllabus

Google Classroom App(student access)

Class Code: It86iw

Homework

Class notes

Review Sheet Answer Keys

Absent student's access to make-up work

Eanes Account Portal App

Online textbook

Extra practice

**Integrity and Honesty:**

All students involved in cheating will receive an office referral and their guardian will be notified.

All students involved will also receive an "N" in conduct for that grading period.

**Big Topics (Tentative Timeline)**

1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks

Rational Numbers

Equations

Proportional Relationships

2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks

Apply Proportionality to Percentages

Apply Proportionality to Geometry

3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks

Apply Proportionality to Probability

Multiple Representations of Linear Relationships

Inequalities

Relationships of Angles

4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks

Geometry and Algebra (2D)

Geometry and Algebra (3D)

Statistics and Sampling

Personal Financial Literacy

**Note from Ms. Castaneda**

Let's focus on learning. I truly believe making mistakes is a vital part of the learning process. Be proactive and ask many questions. Be curious and seek out additional information. Be positive and understand you CAN achieve anything. Let Ms. Castaneda help you reach your goals. Any goal worth reaching is worth working for. Working hard is not easy, it's worth it! I look forward to working with you and challenging you to do your best work every day.