

West Ridge Middle School Pre-AP 8th Grade Math
Ms. Castaneda

Room 213

Conference time: 8:35 – 9:26

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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 course is designed for the student who has demonstrated exceptional talent and inquisitiveness for the study of mathematics. The primary focal areas of this math course are proportionality; expressions, equations, relationships, and foundations of functions; and measurement and data.

Required 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
- Graph paper (keep half at home and half in class)
- Grading pen
- **Lots of pencils**

Workbook: McGraw-Hill Course 3 Volumes 1 and 2

Tutoring: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 7:45-8:30 A.M. in room 215 (Ms. Simmerson's room)

Daily Procedures:

- Wait outside the classroom until you have been greeted by Ms. Castaneda with a handshake.
- Check front trays for instructions or warm ups.
- Check class calendar for daily information and important reminders.
- Work on warm up
- Grade previous night's homework
- Lesson and begin current homework, time permitting.

Homework Policy:

- All homework is to be **completed in pencil**.
- Assignments are due at the **beginning** of class the following day.
- You must show your work (no work = no credit)
- **Late work is not accepted.** If an emergency arises, please talk to Ms. Castaneda.
- 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.
- Absent students will receive one day for every day absent to turn in make-up work. If you think you need more time, talk to Ms. Castaneda **before** the work is due.

Websites and Apps

- Weebly - <http://wrmsscstaneda.weebly.com/> (public access)
 - Class calendar
 - Basic information including course syllabus
- Google Classroom App (student access only)
 - Homework assignments
 - Class notes
 - Grade review sheets
 - Great resource for absent students to access make-up work
- McGraw Hill App (student access)
 - Digital workbook
 - Extra practice

Grading:

- Major (test, project...) – 65%
- Daily class work (learning check, warm up, quiz, etc.) – 25%
- Homework – 10%

Integrity and Honesty:

- All students involved in cheating will receive an office referral and their guardian(s) will be notified.
- All students involved in cheating will receive an “N” in conduct for that grading period.
Please refer to the student code of conduct to review student expectations.

Big Topics (Timeline subject to change)

- 1st Nine Weeks
 - Basic pre-requisite skills
 - Real Number System
 - Equations and Inequalities
- 2nd Nine Weeks
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 - Similar Figures and Dilations
- 3rd Nine Weeks
 - Proportional Relationships
 - Linear Relationships and Functions
- 4th Nine Weeks
 - Pythagorean Theorem
 - Geometry Measurements 2D and 3D
 - Geometry Transformations
 - Financial Literacy

Note from Ms. Castaneda

Although you might have goals aligned with your class grades, my focus this year is on your learning. Turn each mistake into a learning opportunity. Be proud of what you know and show your work. Be proactive and ask a lot of questions. Be curious and seek out additional information. Be positive and understand you CAN achieve anything.

Ms. Castaneda has one goal, to help you reach yours. Any goal worth reaching is worth working hard for. I encourage you to work hard not because it is easy but because it is worth it! Let's make this a great year.