

Practical Math 2025-2026

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Practical Math is a functional life skills math class designed to support students in strengthening foundational math skills while working on their individual IEP goals. The course prepares students for Pre-Algebra, which is a graduation and college entry requirement. Throughout the year, students will work on real-world math applications, develop problem-solving strategies, and build the confidence and skills needed for success in Pre-Algebra.

Bengal Expectations

At Helena High, we follow the **Bengal Expectations**. In Practical Math, this means:

Be Respectful

- Treat classmates, teachers, and yourself with respect.
- Use kind language and actions; everyone has the right to learn and make mistakes.
- Phones and electronic devices must be **put away during class**. They may only be used with teacher permission for learning or coping purposes.

Be Responsible

- Arrive to class **on time and prepared**.
- Bring daily materials: Chromebook, pencil, notebook, and assignments.
- If absent, check in with the teacher to make up work. We aim to complete make-up work during class to avoid frustration with homework.

Be Involved

- Participate actively in class discussions and activities.
- Practice math daily—on paper, at the board, or orally.
- Trying your best every day is expected, even when mistakes happen.

Be a Graduate

- This class builds the foundation for Pre-Algebra, helping you earn your math credits and stay on track for graduation (23 credits total, including 3 in Math).

Grading

Grade Scale

- 100–90% = A
- 89–80% = B
- 79–70% = C
- 69–60% = D
- Below 60% = F