WELCOME 2020-2021 Geometry

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***2020-2021 MOTO:***

***“You want to fulfill the highest expression of yourself as a human being.”***

***Oprah Winfrey***

This course syllabus will be a course guide and is subject to change to accommodate the individual and/or class needs. Please review this syllabus with your parent. Thank you for your support as we look forward to a successful year. The syllabus will remain on my teacher web page for easy reference throughout the year.

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***Student Expectations:*** Please refer **Attachment A** for Helena School District Student Expectations for Blended and Digital Learners

***HHS MATH DEPARTMENT GRADING POLICY***

10% Practice (homework/classwork) each quarter grade

30% Quizzes (and Projects) each quarter grade

60% Summative Assessments each quarter grade

Students may retake any summative assessments (chapter tests) for full credit **ONE TIME**. Preparedness for the second, more rigorous, assessment will be at the teacher’s discretion and may include additional practice session(s) outside of class time. Re-takes must be taken outside of class and scheduled with the teacher and completed before the end of the semester. Re-take scores will replace the original test score.

***CLASSWORK/HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS & GRADING***:

Classwork and homework are important ways to practice skills and help you remember what you are learning. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the missing notes and assignments.  Lesson and Assignments can be found digitally on my teacher webpage and on the assignment board in class. The homework make-up policy is the same as the HHS handbook.

Homework assignments are on a 5-point scale. Students who receive a 4/5 or 5/5 should have a general understanding of the concept covered. Students who receive a 1-3/5 do not understand that concept covered and will need further practice prior to testing to understand. Students can correct all homework assignments and receive up to 4.75/5. Corrections must be done on a separate sheet of paper from the assignment showing all work and uploaded digitally. Students earning a 0 due to lack of completion on an assignment may make the assignment up until the end of each unit for 3/5. Corrections or missing assignments are due no later than the day of the test on that unit (chapter).

***CHEATING POLICY***

Absolutely no cheating will be tolerated!!!! If a student is cheating on a quiz, test, or homework that student will receive a “0” on that piece of work. If it happens again, then that student will receive an “F” for the quarter in which the second offense occurred. A cheating offense will carry over to new quarters. A third offense will lead to a loss of semester credit in the course.

***SEMESTER GRADES***

Semester grades will be determined from the 1st quarter grade, 2nd quarter grade, and semester test.

***ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND GRADING PERCENTAGE***

The District grading scale will be followed as describe below:

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| Letter Grade | Percentage (%) |
| A | 91-100 |
| A- | 90-90.99 |
| B+ | 88-89.99 |
| B | 82-87.99 |
| B- | 80-81.99 |
| C+ | 78-79.99 |
| C | 72-77.99 |
| C- | 70-71.99 |
| D+ | 68-69.99 |
| D | 62-67.99 |
| D- | 60-61.99 |
| F | 0-59.99 |

***CURRICULUM BIG PICTURE: SUGGESTED MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES***

**Semester 1** 2 Notebooks

Review Tools of Geometry Calculator

\* Reasoning and Proof Pencils

\* Parallel and Perpendicular Lines Eraser

\* Congruent Triangles Compass

\* Relationships in Triangles Ruler or Straight Edge

\* Quadrilaterals

**Semester 2**

\* Proportions and Similarity

\* Right Triangles and Trigonometry

\* Transformations and Symmetry

\* Circles

\* Area of Polygons and Circles

\* Extending Surface Area and Volume

\* Probability and Measurement

***CLASSROOM PROCEDURES/EXPECTATIONS:***

 **Be a graduate**

* 1. Do your best on everything that you do.
	2. Ask for help when you need it
	3. Put your focus on learning math
	4. You need this class credit to graduate
* **Be Responsible**
1. Be prepared daily (pencil, pen, notebook, textbook, chromebook and calculator).
2. Be here on time
3. Be in assigned seats when class starts and begin Bell Ringer work
4. Complete all assignments/Keep up on your notebook
5. Study and prepare for assessments
* **Be Involved**
1. Be an active participant in class
2. Get involved in clubs and extra-curricular activities at HHS
3. You are responsible to get your make up work and assessments completed in a timely manner
* **Be respectful**
1. Be polite
2. Do not use electronic devices unless directed by me in this class.
3. Keep the classroom clean.
4. Be Positive

Attachment A

**6-12 STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS**

**For Students**

* A blended learning experience is not easier or harder than a traditional school day, it is just different.
* **As we enter the 2020-21 school year, the expectations for learning in a remote and blended environment have accelerated** since last spring.
* Be prepared to complete schoolwork 5 days a week regardless of whether we are at school or online.
* Homework and assignments will be posted to Teams and teacher webpages on Mondays. Start there each week. Manage your time daily with a planner or online calendar. Assignments will be posted weekly in PowerSchool.
* Check your school email and Teams daily and touch base with your teachers as often as possible.
* During a blended or remote learning environment, students will always act with academic integrity. Academic honesty is paramount to student learning in a blended environment that requires remote learning in addition to attending school in the building. Students are expected to act as they would in a traditional school setting and submit work that represents their authentic learning. Failure to do this will result in following school and district protocol for student plagiarism.

| Be Involved | Be Respectful | Be a Graduate | Be Responsible | Take Care of Yourself! |
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| * Join a club or activity.
* Encourage your peers in their endeavors.
* Participate in virtual school spirit activities.
* Participate in all assigned Teams chats/discussions.
* Volunteer in the community. (Reach out to our community through service learning.)
* Help other students virtually when needed.
* Develop and promote a positive mental attitude.
* Take care of your social/emotional health – reach out to counselors and for resources when needed.
 | * Use school-appropriate and positive words in all communications (smile) through Teams.
* Do not remove other students from a Teams call/meeting.
* Use your school email and Teams for communication with your teachers and your peers.
* Try not to read tone into communications from teachers/fellow learners.
* Respect your teachers’ personal time in hours outside of school time.
* Be honest with your teachers and parents/family when discussing work completion and grades.
* Realize teachers have 24 hours to reply to emails and Teams chats during the school week. Try to use teacher office hours as much as possible.
 | * Remember the goal is that YOU LEARN!
* School is 5 days a week. You will have activities each day for each class whether online or in-person.
* Check Teams daily for each class.
* Plan to do schoolwork each day. Realize that in-person school is six hours a day, so plan your online work accordingly.
* Set aside a quiet time and space to work at home each day.
* Carefully read and follow all communication from your teachers (weekly agendas, posts in Teams, assignment directions, etc.).
* Engage in all online tasks provided by your teachers (watch videos, read text, complete assignments and tests, etc.).
* Challenge yourself to do your best. Take pride and ownership of your education to prepare yourself for your future.
 | * Turn in assignments on time.
* Seek help when needed.
* Acknowledge teachers’ digital communications.
* Check PowerSchool at least once a week.
* Use a calendar or planner to organize your week.
* Follow rules of academic integrity/honesty. Your work must be original; create authentic work.
* Engage in each class daily (Monday-Friday).
* Be an active learner.
* When you have an online meeting with a teacher, join a few minutes early. Communicate with your teacher ahead of time if you cannot make the meeting.
* Take care of your school-issued device.
* Follow the school dress code when participating in live meetings and recording videos for class assignments; make sure your background is school appropriate.
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# **Helpful Resources**

Not sure how-to login? Start here: <https://helenaschools.org/remote-learning/remote-learning-bridge/>

Need a guide for using Teams? Try this: <https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=2131456>

Can’t log in to Teams or Clever? Ask your teacher to email the help desk!

Parents need access to PowerSchool? Have them call your school office.

Trouble with your Chromebook? Try holding the power button down and re-starting. For more information, check here: <https://support.google.com/chromebook#topic=3399709>

