

HONORS GEOMETRY CLASS POLICIES

Mrs. Ochsenbein

This course will cover geometric concepts, including two-column proofs, basic trigonometry, as well as concepts from college algebra. You will be receiving the background necessary to continue toward AP Calculus during your senior year.

ASSIGNMENTS:

You will need to bring your notebook daily to take notes. You will have one (or more) assignment(s) almost every class period. Your assignments offer the practice opportunities to help you learn the material and become adept at the required work. The assignments will be due the next class day, unless otherwise noted. All assignments will be listed on the white board in the classroom and on the math web site (www.phsmath.org). It is your responsibility to do all the assigned work. Copying from a solutions manual will make success on the quizzes and tests very difficult. Trying the problems and *then* checking the answers/solutions is a wise choice.

How to Earn Assignment Points:

- 1] Heading in the top margin must include your name, period and problem set number. Nothing else should be written in that top margin.
- 2] Skip an ENTIRE space between problems vertically, and skip an equivalent amount of space between problems horizontally.
- 3] Copy the original problem. If it is a word problem – state the important information. Show the algebraic steps. “BALD” answers (ones without work) are not acceptable.
- 4] Sketch any pictures that are drawn or described.
- 5] If the problem requires a formula – write it down as your first step. Fill in the values as the second step, then continue to show the steps until you have an answer.
- 6] Solve the problem vertically – not sideways. Show all work. Just an answer is unacceptable. Equal signs should be in a somewhat straight vertical line.
- 7] Put only ONE line of writing in each space and at most two problems across the page.
- 8] Use a pencil, or blue or black ink.
- 9] Use an eraser. DO NOT scribble out incorrect work, either erase it or put a neat X through it.
- 10] Problems should be numbered sequentially. Do not skip around.
- 11] Give exact answers whenever possible as well as approximate answers correct to three decimal places.
- 12] College Algebra answers are available on the web. You are responsible to check your answers each night in order to be ready to ask questions in class the next day.
- 13] All graphs must be on graph paper.
- 14] Homework must be neat (No doodles, remove the sloppy edges (“Yuckies”) from spiral notebook pages.
- 15] For “yes” or “no” questions, the “no” answers must be accompanied by a reason, written in a complete sentence.

- 16] “Solve” means to find the value(s) of the variable that make(s) the statement true, therefore the answer to an equation must be in the form “variable = answer(s)”.

TESTS:

During a test your desk must completely clear of any non-test related material (no notebooks, folders, calculator covers, etc. may be on your desk). Your backpack/book bag will be left in a central location in the room. This will help to eliminate distractions to other students when you are done with your test. **THE USE OF A PENCIL IS REQUIRED FOR ALL TESTS AND QUIZZES.**

ATTENDANCE: IMPERATIVE!!!

MAKEUP: Your responsibility!

Homework: assigned before absence = due the day your return
multiple days missed = equal number of days allowed from the due date of each assignment

Tests and quizzes: TAKE WITHIN A WEEK! (OUTSIDE CLASS TIME)

Planned absence (including field trips, sports events, etc.): ALL work is due BEFORE you leave or you will receive NO CREDIT

Unexcused absence: NO CREDIT, BUT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MATERIALS COVERED

TARDIES: You are tardy if you are not IN YOUR SEAT, prepared for class, WHEN the bell rings. The Ponderosa High School tardy policy will be enforced.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:

- Be attentive, courteous to each other as well as the teacher
- Do NOT disrupt the learning of others
- Do NOT eat, drink (except water)
- The school dress code will be enforced (no hats, sunglasses, etc.)
- If caught cheating, the work will be worth ZERO points
- Inappropriate talking during class will not be tolerated
- I expect to see *only* work for this class being done in this class
- Passes to leave class to use the restroom will be on an emergency only basis. There will be no passes during the first or last ten minutes of class, nor there passes to the lockers or vending machines. If you do use a pass, you must sign out when you leave and back in when you return. You must have a written pass from me to be permitted to use the office telephone. You must have a pass from counseling to go there during class. The bell at the end of the period is a signal for me to finish my statement and excuses you; please do not leave until I have excused you.
- Electronic devices are not to be used during class without my permission. Cell phones, game boys and calculators may not be used to play games in the classroom at any time. Cell phones need to be turned off and put away out of reach until the passing period at the end of the class. Using an electronic device without permission will result in an assigned detention.
- **CHEATING:** If there is evidence of cheating on tests or quizzes, **all** involved will receive a ZERO, a phone-call home, and a written referral.

SUPPLIES:

Textbook (must be covered)
Compass
3-ring binder, paper
Pencils with erasers
Graphing calculator (TI-83 or TI-84 recommended)

GRADES:

Assignments: on time = 10 points each (Assignments are normally graded with respect to completion, but may be graded for accuracy.)
one day late = half credit
later = NO CREDIT

Quizzes: approx. 20 points each, about 2 per geometry chapter

Tests: approx. 100 points each, 1 per geometry chapter or 1 per 5-7 lessons in college algebra

Class participation: You will receive one point each day you are in your seat on time and prepared for class, including book, notebook, pencil, calculator, etc. Each time you leave class to get what you did not bring you will lose that point. This is NOT extra credit.

Extra credit: There may be extra credit problems on homework, quizzes or

tests.

Any extra credit will be available to the entire class, not as a replacement

for

missed or poorly done work by an individual.

VALUES:

Tests and quizzes	70%
Assignments and class participation	15%
Final exam	15%

LETTER EQUIVALENTS:

90.0% - 100%	A
80.0% - 89.99%	B
70.0% - 79.99%	C
60.0% - 69.99%	D
Below 60.0%	F

CONTACT:

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NEED HELP?

Before school, after school, or Advisement in Room 214