

Geometry Class Expectations

Welcome to Geometry! I hope you will find this class both interesting and challenging. It will probably be very different from any other math class you've taken before, especially because Geometry is a very different subject from the Algebra you studied last year. You will have the best possible experience in this class if you approach it with a goal to learn, and a willingness to do whatever it takes to meet that goal. Also...

1. Please be on time to class every day! When the bell rings to begin class, be ready to start!! Have all necessary materials with you.
2. Use of calculators is permitted for all homework assignments, classwork, quizzes or tests unless otherwise stated. It is strongly recommended that you own and bring a calculator to class. Suitable calculators would include scientific calculators (you'll find the SIN, COS, TAN buttons on one of these) but the best choice would be the more powerful TI-84 Plus Silver Edition graphing calculator. See my website (address below) for links to purchase it online.
3. Homework, when assigned, is expected to be completed with all work shown. It will either be collected or checked in class.
4. You will be quizzed or tested regularly in this class, with chapter tests scheduled at the end of each major unit. Quizzes will be shorter but more frequent; they can occur on any day without being previously announced. Chapter tests will always be announced in advance.
5. Grading policy: your quarter grade will be determined by computing a test/quiz average, and adjusting for homework and participation in optional extra credit assignments. For homework, one point is deducted for each missed homework, or a half-point in some cases for incomplete homework at my discretion. If all homework is completed for a marking period, two points are added to the quarter average.
6. Keep a notebook. Your notes should include (at least) any key terms, concepts, or examples that I present, and any handouts I give (because of this, a notebook with pockets is preferable but not required). Optionally, they may include homework assignments.
7. It is your responsibility to catch up on any material that you might miss due to absence. You need to come to me, not the other way around. Do not delay in catching up as soon as possible.
8. Extra help is available to you in various ways, by visiting the DVHS Math Lab or by coming in for help with me. Many times on days of tests, I come in early to provide morning reviews, which usually begin at 7:15am (these will be announced and posted on the HW Hotline). I'm also often available during lunchtime, but be sure to let me know in advance that you want to come in.
9. My homework hotline announcement can be reached by dialing 296-1875.

—Mr. DeVizia