

# Honors Geometry Class Expectations

Welcome to Honors 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, not only because it is taught in conjunction with the Honors Biology class, but also 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, class work, quizzes, or tests unless otherwise stated. It is strongly recommended that you use the TI-84 (TI-84 Plus or TI-84 Plus Silver Edition) graphing calculator, as it has many functions specific to topics that will be studied this year and in future math classes; it is the one calculator that will be used in class demonstrations. However, while this calculator would be a tremendous help to you in this class, subsequent math classes, and important standardized tests, it is not absolutely necessary to own a calculator in order to succeed in this class.
3. Homework should 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 can occur on any day without my previously announcing them, and will usually be short and focus only on recent material. Chapter tests will 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 occasional 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 presented by the teacher. They should include any handouts given out by the teacher (because of this, a notebook with pockets is preferable but not required). You might include past homework.
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 two 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). Sometimes I'm available during lunchtime (C lunch), 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.
10. From time to time, I will make reference to sites on the Web. Links to these sites are posted on the Honors Block website at [www.pctm.org/honorsblock](http://www.pctm.org/honorsblock)