

Ms. Jewell's Classroom Rules and Procedures

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

Welcome Back! I hope you have enjoyed your well-deserved summer vacation. I am very excited about starting a new school year and being a partner in education with you at Biloxi High School. I expect this year to be challenging, rewarding, educational, and fun! As always in any classroom, there needs to be rules and procedures that students and parents are made aware of. Please allow me to explain my policies, rules, and expectations. This way, you know what to expect of me and what I expect of you.

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Course Objectives

Students will be required to complete all assignments and tests with a 65% accuracy for a passing final grade. A heavy emphasis is placed on preparing the students for success on the ACT.

Course Schedule (subject to change)

Term 1

- Introduction to Geometry - Mini Unit
- Unit 1: Intro to Basic Geometric Ideas in a Plane
- Unit 2: Basic Geometric Ideas for Angles
- Unit 3: Parallel Lines and Transversals
- Unit 4: Classifying Triangles

Term 2

- Unit 1: Similar Triangles
- Unit 2: Right Triangles
- Unit 3: Trigonometry
- Unit 4: Trig Identities and Proofs

Term 3

- Unit 1: Polygons/Quadrilaterals
- Unit 2: Transformations
- Unit 3: Circles
- Unit 4: Areas

Term 4

- Unit 1: Area of Irregular Shapes & Probability
- Unit 2: Surface Area & Volume of Solids
- Unit 3: Unit Circle

Expectations

Classroom Expectations

- Be on time and prepared to learn
- Be on task
- Be respectful to the classroom, your peers, and yourself
- Be responsible for your own learning
- Be Biloxi's Best

Classroom Rules (posted in classroom)

- Be on time
- No food, drink, or gum (water is acceptable)
- Be respectful
- No cell phones

Discipline (posted in classroom)

- If a student chooses to disregard the rules, the consequences are as follows:
 - 1st Offense: Warning
 - 2nd Offense: After-school Detention/Parent Contact
 - 3rd Offense: 2nd After-school Detention/Call to parent
 - 4th Offense: Office Referral

Please note that some offenses such as skipping class, cursing at another student, and physical threats are immediate referrals

- When a student is being disruptive, they are not only being disrespectful to me, they are also interrupting the learning process of others. Disrespect, insubordination, harassing others, horseplay, etc. will NOT be tolerated. Students are responsible for their actions.

Classroom Procedures

Come prepared to class. This includes bringing the following:

- Computer (School Issued)
- Expo Marker (To be kept by student)
- 3-prong, 2-pocket folder
- Writing Utensils (Must have at least a pencil, but color pencils/pens will be **VERY** helpful on notes!!)

(These materials are needed by at least Monday, July 31, 2023)

Grading:

- Students need to give their very best effort at all times! Grades are earned, not given!
- In general, I grade students' work within a couple days if not the day of. This means that most grades will be updated by the end of the week that it was assigned. Please make sure to check your child's progress as well as encourage your child to monitor his/her/their own grades.
- Grades are categorized as such:
 - Unit Classwork - includes homework/classwork, bellwork, quizzes, etc. averaged
 - Unit Notes - based on completion, in order, and neatness
 - Unit Study Guide
 - Unit Test

This is an example. May change per unit.

- Grading Scale:

100 - 90 A

89 - 80 B

79 - 70 C

69 - 64 D

- When checking grades in Active Student/Parent, please note that there may be an "1" given as a grade. This means the assignment has been graded, but the student did not turn it in. These may be made up. A "0" may not be made up. If a grade is an NM, this simply means "No Mark," and does not count against the student. This is usually used as a "placeholder" for items that have not been graded.

- All work for each unit is generally due the day after it is assigned. However, if a student did not turn in an assignment when it was due, they may turn it in on the day the study guide for that unit is given.
 - If the student was absent, no points will be deducted.
 - If the student was not absent, 2 pts will be deducted for each day late after the original due date.

Make-up Work

- Students are expected to take responsibility for their make-up work. Upon return, students are to check the Google Classroom for assignments that they missed.
- Handouts, notes, and paper assignments will be found in the “While You Were Out” area of the Student Center in class. They will have the student’s name and the date given written on them.

Communication

- If your child is in danger of failing my course, he/she/they will receive a current progress report with an allotted space for the parent/guardian signature. This is to be signed and returned to school.
- It is essential that the student do his/her/their part in getting the sheet signed and returned. Any other grading/progress issues will be addressed by phone/e-mail.
- Please note that I will send emails, text messages, and make phone calls for numerous reasons, not just “bad” grades/behavior.

Tutoring & Reteach-Retest Policy

- After-school tutoring is available on Tuesday and Thursday each week.
 - Students must sign up. (see full policy in Google Classroom)
 - Transportation is provided (if needed).
 - All rules and discipline apply.
- The school’s reteach retest policy is one per subject per 9 weeks. The student must do a reteach-retest within 10 school days of getting their grade.
 - Please see the full policy in Google Classroom

General Classroom Expectations:

- While teaching, I expect everyone to remain in their seats, listening carefully, and working hard. During these times, NO talking should occur. We have a limited time of instruction. We need to use it efficiently.
 - Sleeping students will be disciplined according to my policy in Google Classroom.
 - A student may discuss a topic with friends or me during designated/appropriate times. This includes when they are called on, group work, and/or class discussions.
- While students are working individually, they are to remain quiet. If they have a question, raising their hand, and waiting for assistance is the proper behavior.
- ALL technology (computers, calculators, etc.) provided by the school should be treated with the utmost respect. Anyone mistreating the use of technology will lose his/her privilege to use them.
- Cell phones tend to be a major distraction for many students. There is no reason a student needs one in my classroom. Please note that they are not allowed, and students will be disciplined accordingly. See my policy in Google Classroom.

Websites and Apps we use

Websites:

- Google classroom
- IXL

Apps:

- PDF Scanner App of your choice
- Calculate84 (optional)

Abiding by these rules and procedures will help your year (and mine) move along more smoothly. I ask that you and a parent/guardian fill out the forms below.. This will be your first assignment. The form will need to be returned no later than **Friday, August 2, 2003.**

Please complete the online google form to acknowledge you have read and understood the syllabus presented to you. If you need a paper copy to fill out, I can provide one to your student.

Parents:

Scan the QR code with a smartphone or go to the following link.



<https://forms.gle/fPtHAehasKm9KEGR8>

Students:

Scan the QR code with a smartphone or go to the following link.



<https://forms.gle/ULmpnPDdexOhu5h88>