

Dear Parents, Guardians and Student,

Welcome to Compacted 8.

The class will be at a high school level course and follow the algebra syllabus. Copies will be available during open house.

Students will have the opportunity to earn high school math credit and a letter grade that will be part of their GPA. Provide they receive an A, B or a C average for all four quarters. The high school letter grade will be the average of all four quarters.

If your student is struggling in my class they may be moved down to 8-th grade math. Parents will be notified at midterm of their child's progress and determine a course of action till the end of the quarter.

Help will be available during homework club and I will be available most days after school. We are looking into other ways to support students. On line help can be found at www.cpm.org.

Class Structure/Effort Grade

Students will be in groups of 3 or 4 with different arrangements at the start of each chapter. Effort grade will mostly be based on how well they work in the group, cooperation, staying on task and staying within the group. Completion of daily work and participation will also determine effort grade.

Academic Grade

Weighted grade system will be used to calculate grades.

Dailywork	10%
Quiz	40%
Test	50%

Dailywork will be worth 20 points. Synergy will convert all percentages to a four-point value system. A chapter will have two quizzes and one Unit Test Quizzes will assess one to two learning targets and point value may be different from other quizzes. Students will have two attempts on each learning target, one on the quiz and the second on the Unit Test. The best average will be their quiz score and the Unit Test score will also be recorded.

Daily assignments consist of classwork and homework sections.

Classwork/Homework will be graded and earn points if completed and on time.

Classwork/Homework assignments may be made up for credit only in cases of excused absences.

Homework will be assigned nearly every day. Each assignment will be designed to assist students in their learning and to provide practice of the math concepts. Students are expected to check their own work and to be prepared to ask for help on more challenging problems. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning and to work together, forming study groups.

Any assignment made prior to your absence is due on the day you return.

Homework help is available on-line at:

www.cpm.org/students

Late or absent work

TESTS/QUIZ

- If you are absent on the day of a test or quiz, you need to make up the test on the day you return
- If you are absent on the review day, you need to take the test or quiz on the regular day
- Any missed quizzes or test must be taken before the next quiz or test is given

Dailywork is due three school days from the day it is assigned. Late work may be turned in up to three days pass due date and will be deducted a specific percent 10%, 20% and 30%. If your student keeps their work in a notebook there will opportunities to turn them in to throughout the week or we can talk to come up with a system.

I update synergy each weekend on Sundays most of the time.

Grades will based on the following table:

Score	Low score	High Score
A	3.50	4.00
B	3.01	3.49
C	2.01	3.00
D	1.01	2.00
F	0.00	1.00

Effort grade will determined by percent of assignments turned in, behavior and following school rules.

Behavioral expectations:

COOPERATION / RESPECT

Students are expected to:

- Be responsible for their own behavior
- Participate in class or group work
- Respect themselves and each other
- Treat all opinions, ideas, and questions respectfully

PREPAREDNESS

Students are expected to:

- Come to class prepared to learn
- Be on time. You may incur loss of points on some activities if you are late.
- Bring needed books and materials
- Complete assignments on time

CLASSROOM RULES

- Sit in assigned seat
- Stay on task
- No writing on the desks, listening to music, working on another teachers assignment during class,
- Keep your voices low, and do not talk to other teams. Work with your team.

If they're any questions or concerns, Please contact me at
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