***Math is not a spectator sport!*** To be successful in mathematics, you must be actively involved. This means you should take good notes, ask questions, seek help when needed, and participate in class.

**Course Materials**

*Textbooks:* **Core Connections Algebra**. CPM Educational Program, 2013.

You should bring the following materials to class each day unless told otherwise:

1. Binder (which will include 3 dividers and graph paper)

2. Graphing Calculator

3. Chromebook

1. Pencil and eraser: **All work must be done in pencil. You may be asked to resubmit your work if it is not done in pencil.**
2. Highlighter and/or pen

**Grades**

Your grade in this course is weighted in the following manner:

65% Individual Assessments – (individual tests & quizzes)

15% Assessments with Resources (team tests, partner quizzes, open notebook quiz, etc.)

20% Coursework (homework, classwork, participation, presentations, TenMarks, etc.)

**Assessments**

At the end of each of unit you will be given two assessments. When looked at together, they will be composed of approximately 40% new material and 60% old material.

**Individual Assessments**

* Each unit will end with an individual test. It will be given approximately one week after we have ended the unit.
* Occasionally, a short quiz may be given in the middle of a unit.

**Assessments with Resources**

* Each unit will also end with a team test. It will be 1-2 days after we have finished all the content in the unit. It will be approximately 1 week before the individual test. The team test will primarily cover new content.
* If you are absent from an assessment with resources you will make up the test with one of a variety of resources.

All graded assessments will be secured in the room and placed in individual student folders. You are welcome to come in at any time to review and ask questions about missed problems. The assessments must stay in the room. In addition, no electronic photocopies may be made of the assessments.

**Coursework:** Homework, Classwork, etc.

 **Homework**

* Daily homework is utilized to practice and enhance skills, review content, preview upcoming topics, and develop personal responsibility.
* Time will be given in class to review homework answers and to ask any related questions.
* Homework checks may be given and will be based on the homework problems that we have already checked and reviewed. It is your responsibility to check and correct all of your assignments. Points (based on accuracy) will be given for these homework checks.
* Daily homework assignments will be collected at the end of each unit. Points will be given at this time. It is expected that all work will have been completed, checked, and corrected. These scores will appear in Infinite Campus under the category of “*Coursework” and* ***cannot be made up*** unless the student was absent. ***It is a final score.***
* Some homework assignments will be collected and checked for quality and ***accuracy***. These are typically assignments that you are given multiple days to complete.
* ***You are expected to keep all assignments in the homework section of your binder.***

**TenMarks**

* You will have a variety of assignments on TenMarks. These will graded based on accuracy.

**Rewrite to Improve**

Following individual assessments you will have the opportunity to correct your errors for partial credit. Rewrites will be due one week after you receive the results of your assessment. Please use this time to ask questions. I welcome the opportunity to work with you as you make your corrections. Specific directions on how to complete rewrites can be found in your assessment folder.

***There will be no rewrites during the fourth quarter.***

**Extra Help**

You are encouraged to seek help whenever you feel it is needed. ***Remember “Even Einstein Asked Questions”***. Advisory is a perfect time to see me for special help. As I understand that you may have other commitments at this time, I will make every effort to be available one day before or after school each week for any assistance that may be needed.

**Tardy Policy**

It is expected that you arrive to class on time. Upon arrival you should be seated and begin preparing for class. Students arriving late, without passes, will be marked as such.  According to the BMS Student Handbook, students tardy to class three times will receive an office referral, resulting in an after school detention. Students arriving late to school must sign in at the main office and check with classroom teacher(s) to make up missed work and get the homework for that evening.

**Absences**

When absent from class, you are **expected** to check your Google calendar and to complete any assignments possible.  You will have the same number of days as you were “out” to turn in all work.  It is your responsibility to make sure you make up missed work and acquire missed notes. You may obtain class notes from a classmate or receive a copy from me.