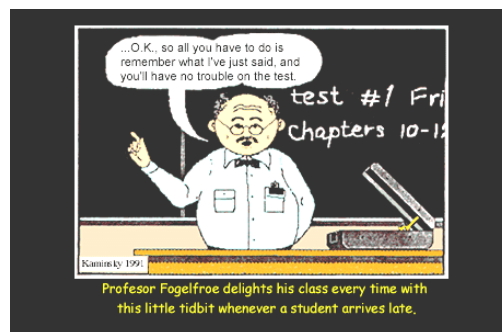
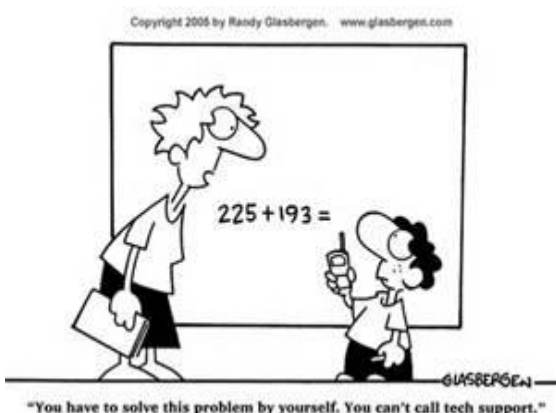


# Math 8 Syllabus

## 2024-2025



### Go Math

To log onto the online version of the textbook and the online resources, go to the Washoe County School District website [www.washoeschools.net](http://www.washoeschools.net), click on the Students and Parents tab, then click on HRW - GoMath! It should send you to the sign-in page for the online resources. Student usernames are: <student ID number> @washoeschools.org. Passwords are the same as what you use to sign onto a WCSD computer, Canvas, Clever, etc.

### **Ms. Whitham (W207)**

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For in-person meetings, please contact Ms. Whitham directly to schedule an appointment.

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Welcome back! We are gearing up for another great year here at Swope. In class, we will work together to create a positive learning environment and a community within our classroom. We are all here to assist one another. Students, if you have questions or need help in any of your classes, please, let your teachers know. If you or your parents need to communicate with your teachers, you can schedule an appointment to meet in person, call the school phone number, or email him/her at the address listed on Infinite Campus. \*Note: The email option on Infinite Campus does not work. You will need to copy and paste the email address into your email browser.

## Swope Rules

You are a "Panther on the Prowl" everywhere when you show...

|                           |          |   |
|---------------------------|----------|---|
| Respect Yourself          | <b>P</b> | Perseverance - <i>Never give up</i>                 |
| Respect Others            | <b>R</b> | Respect - <i>Kind, Courteous, and Careful</i>       |
| Respect Your Environment  | <b>O</b> | Organization - <i>Plan Ahead, Manage Time</i>       |
| Respect All Panther Rules | <b>W</b> | Work Ethic - <i>Best Effort and Quality of Work</i> |
| Be a Panther on the Prowl | <b>L</b> | Leadership - <i>Setting Positive Example</i>        |

| Online Programs We Will be Using   | Extra Help  |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HRW Go Math</li> </ul> <p><b>**Please make sure you can access this site.</b><br/>It can be accessed through the district website, click the students and parents tab. Scroll down to HRW Go Math (Go Math is under H). Your username and password are what you use to log into Canvas.</p> <p><b>*Make sure you can access Canvas as well.</b><br/>Communication and Assignments will be uploaded there each week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ iReady</li> </ul> <p>This site can be accessed through Clever. You may need to scroll down the page to find it. Press the heart to add it to your favorites.</p> | <p>There are video lessons in the online textbook materials.</p> <p>You can also use <a href="http://www.khanacademy.org">www.khanacademy.org</a> or <a href="http://www.mathguy.us">www.mathguy.us</a> for extra help.</p> <p>We will also have after school tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. (Tutoring begins in September and goes through May. Transportation is provided.)</p> <p><b><u>Classroom Expectations:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students will be able to model the current learning.</li> <li>2. Students will listen and respect others.</li> <li>3. Students will have all necessary supplies in order to participate in class.</li> <li>4. Students will arrive in class <u>on time</u>.</li> <li>5. Students will be helpful and take the path of least resistance.</li> <li>6. Students will use appropriate language and tone.</li> </ol> <p><b>No cell phones or electronic devices in class unless directed by teacher. Wired headphones <u>only</u> for use on school laptop. No AirPods.</b></p> |

## **Supplies - \$15 Math fee (to purchase and replenish math supplies and manipulatives)**

Each time you come to Math class, you are expected to come prepared with the proper supplies. The items listed below are items we use every class. Please make sure you always have items. If you run out of a supply, make sure to tell your parents so they can restock your supplies when necessary.

**\*\*\*NOTE: Cell phone calculators will not be allowed in class. The district does not allow them to be used on tests and finals and students would have to suddenly do calculations by hand on tests. That can throw students off if they have been practicing the skill only with a calculator. Students will need to use the stand-alone basic scientific calculator that is listed below in the supply list.**

### **Math Supply List**

- Basic Scientific Calculator  
(Basic, not the ones that make fractions.)
- Ruler (make sure it has cm. as well as in.)
- Protractor
- Graph Paper
- Spiral notebook for notes (college-ruled)

| <b>Supplies You Should Always Have With You for Any Class</b>  | <b>Items We Normally Share (You may want your own)</b>   |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ many pencils (regular or mechanical)</li><li>▪ lead for mechanical pencils</li><li>▪ hand pencil sharpener with lid (wood pencils)</li><li>▪ binder</li><li>▪ tabs for binder (if necessary)</li><li>▪ erasers</li><li>▪ loose-leaf college-ruled binder paper (lots)</li><li>▪ highlighters</li><li>▪ glue sticks (no liquid glue)</li><li>▪ ballpoint pens (blue or black ink)</li><li>▪ set of colored pencils</li><li>▪ set of colored markers</li><li>▪ zipper pouch for supplies</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Kleenex (small personal packs)</li><li>▪ hand pencil sharpener with lid (wood pencils)</li><li>▪ scissors</li><li>▪ glue sticks (no liquid glue)</li><li>▪ set of colored pencils</li><li>▪ set of colored markers</li><li>▪ stapler (and staples)</li></ul> |

## COMMANDMENTS OF SUCCESS

- A **POSITIVE ATTITUDE** is the most important thing.
- A **HIGH WORK ETHIC** is a key component.
- **MEETING ALL DEADLINES** is essential.
- **TEAMWORK** is a must.
- **TOLERANCE** is an absolute necessity.
- **RESPECT** is given and earned at all times.

## Classroom Policies and Procedures

### **\*Opening class procedure...**

1.) Go directly to my assigned seat 2.) Take out any assignments or absent work and all materials needed for today's class and set on desk, 3.) Read the board and write down the assignments in my Panther planner, and 4.) Silently work on my Warm-up activity. (This is NOT a good time to conference with the teachers as they have designated requirements at the beginning of each period.)

### **\*Passes...**

The best time to use the restroom is during the 4-minute passing. If you do not think you will have time to use the restroom **and** get to class on-time, then go directly to the classroom and let your teacher know you need to use the restroom. That way the teacher knows why you came into the classroom after the bell. If you need to use the restroom during class, you will need to ask the teacher for a pass. **(3 passes per week)**

### **\*Preparedness...**

All students **MUST** come to class prepared to work. Items necessary for class: Positive attitude, pencils, erasers, extra lead, paper, binder, workbook, completed assignments, and resource materials. **Students not prepared for class will receive a lowered Work Ethic grade for that period.**

*Note: Students will receive the first copy of the Go Math book at no cost. If students need an additional copy for any reason (loss, damage, etc.), there will be a charge of \$20 per book. This is an additional charge and is not included in the Math fee paid at the beginning of the year. Books can also be purchased on Amazon.*

### **\*Late/Missing work policy...**

**Deadlines are a very important Life Skill. It is imperative that students complete and submit ALL assignments on-time.**

All assignments and the weekly agenda of required items to complete will be activated on Canvas the Friday prior to the week. Each assignment will have a specific due date. Assignments are to be uploaded, completed, or attached to the assignment on Canvas for credit. Make sure to press submit after you complete/upload the assignment. **No late work will be accepted.**

There will be a test or quiz every other week, possibly weekly. If a student is absent on the day of a test/quiz, he/she needs to get a pass from the teacher and come in at lunch with his/her lunch to make-up the test/quiz.

Students have as many days as they were absent plus one more day to complete make-up work and to make-up tests, no matter the reason for the absence (illness, Swope sport, vacation, etc.).

**\*\*Copied assignments will result in a 0% for both parties as well as a note in the grade book to inform parents/guardians and Administrators. Students should also not be copying answers from an online source (No Photomath!). If you are unsure of how to do something, put a question mark on the problem and ask for help the next day in class.**

### **\*Absence policy...**

It is the student's responsibility to go to Canvas to get the missed assignments. If there is a separate handout, check Canvas to see if that handout has been uploaded. If the handout is not able to be uploaded, then come get it upon return from your absence. If you are unable to print at home, just look at the assignment/worksheet on your screen and do the assignment on a piece of paper.

### **\*Checking Infinite Campus...**

Students and parents are required to keep track of student grades by checking Infinite Campus at least once a week. If you do not have access to the Internet at home, students can use a computer on campus, at the local Washoe County libraries in town, or there is an app for their phone.

### **\*Assignments...**

Math assignments will be given credit for on-time completion. *Students **MUST** show work to receive credit.* Listed answers only **will not** be accepted. All papers/assignments should be labeled correctly and **all work shown** (credit will not be given to assignments that just have answers listed)...

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7.)

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### **\*Grading...(grade percentages are not rounded)**

90%-100% A  
80%-89% B  
70%-79% C  
60%-69% D  
0%-59% F

### **Overall grade includes: (Categories are NOT weighted.)**

#### **Tests:**

Chapter (Module) Tests include material from the whole chapter and not just one lesson.  
Term tests that include material learned during the quarter.

#### **Quizzes:**

Quizzes are short tests on individual lessons.

#### **Projects:**

Projects are tasks that include knowledge from several lessons, take several days to complete, may be individual or group tasks, and have a specific grading rubric.

#### **Behavior grade:**

Weekly behavior grades total the number of days of class that week and students receive one point per day. The daily point will be deducted for any behavior infraction in class that day.

#### **Work Ethic grade includes:**

Work Ethic grades include completion of assignments, participation, and preparedness for class.

| GRADE                            | WORK ETHIC   |   |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>A</b><br><b>Outstanding</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completes 95-100% of assignments</li> <li>• Submits assignments on-time</li> <li>• Completes/submits absent work in allotted timeframe</li> <li>• Begins working immediately</li> <li>• Works well independently</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses resources when confused</li> <li>• Asks for clarification/help</li> <li>• Assists others when they need help</li> <li>• Shows leadership in partners/groups</li> <li>• Stays on-task in groups/individually</li> </ul>  |
| <b>B</b><br><b>Above Average</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completes 90-95% of assignments</li> <li>• Submits assignments on-time (1 or 2 late assignments in a quarter)</li> <li>• Completes/submits absent work in allotted timeframe</li> <li>• Begins working immediately most of the time (1 or 2 re-directs)</li> <li>• Works well independently</li> </ul>                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses resources when confused</li> <li>• Asks for clarification/help</li> <li>• Assists others when they need help</li> <li>• Works well in partners/groups</li> <li>• Stays on-task in groups/individually</li> </ul>  |
| <b>C</b><br><b>Average</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completes 85-90% of assignments</li> <li>• Submits most assignments on-time (several late assignments in a quarter)</li> <li>• Completes/submits most absent work in allotted timeframe</li> <li>• Begins working immediately some of the time (2 or 3 re-directs)</li> <li>• Works well independently some of the time</li> </ul>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not use resources when confused</li> <li>• Sometimes asks for clarification/help</li> <li>• Occasionally assists others when they need help</li> <li>• Works well most of the time in partners/groups</li> <li>• Needs occasional redirects to stay on-task in groups/individually</li> </ul> |
| <b>D</b><br><b>Below Average</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completes 60-85% of assignments</li> <li>• Occasionally submits assignments on-time (Many late assignments in a quarter)</li> <li>• Rarely completes/submits absent work in allotted timeframe</li> <li>• Does not begin working immediately most of the time (constant re-directs)</li> <li>• Rarely works well independently</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not use resources when confused</li> <li>• Occasionally asks for clarification/help</li> <li>• Rarely assists others when they need help</li> <li>• Rarely Works in partners/groups</li> <li>• Needs constant redirects to stay on-task in groups/individually</li> </ul>                     |
| <b>F</b><br><b>Failing</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completes 0-60% of assignments</li> <li>• Rarely submits assignments on-time (Mostly late assignments in a quarter)</li> <li>• Never completes/submits absent work in allotted timeframe</li> <li>• Does not begin working immediately most of the time (constant re-directs)</li> <li>• Rarely works at all independently</li> </ul>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Never uses resources when confused</li> <li>• Never asks for clarification/help</li> <li>• Never assists others when they need help</li> <li>• Rarely Works in partners/groups</li> <li>• Needs constant redirects to stay on-task in groups/individually</li> </ul>                               |

| GRADE                      | BEHAVIOR   |  |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| <b>A<br/>Outstanding</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respectful 95-100% of the time</li> <li>• Always discusses assignments, never speaks disrespectfully</li> <li>• Always disagrees without being disagreeable</li> <li>• Always begins working immediately</li> <li>• Never loud/disruptive during independent work time</li> </ul>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always uses accountable talk when confused</li> <li>• Uses accountable talk 95-100% of the time in class</li> <li>• Respectfully shows leadership in partners/groups</li> <li>• Never disrupts others in groups/individually</li> </ul>                 |
| <b>B<br/>Above Average</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respectful 90-95% of the time</li> <li>• Mostly discusses assignments, rarely speaks disrespectfully</li> <li>• Often disagrees without being disagreeable</li> <li>• Often begins working immediately</li> <li>• Rarely loud/disruptive during independent work time</li> </ul>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Often uses accountable talk when confused</li> <li>• Uses accountable talk 90-95% of the time in class</li> <li>• Respectfully shows leadership in partners/groups</li> <li>• Rarely disrupts others in groups/individually</li> </ul>                  |
| <b>C<br/>Average</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respectful 85-90% of the time</li> <li>• Sometimes discusses assignments, sometimes speaks disrespectfully</li> <li>• Sometimes disagrees without being disagreeable</li> <li>• Sometimes begins working immediately</li> <li>• Sometimes loud/disruptive during independent work time</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sometimes uses accountable talk when confused</li> <li>• Uses accountable talk 85-90% of the time in class</li> <li>• Sometimes respectfully shows leadership in partners/groups</li> <li>• Sometimes disrupts others in groups/individually</li> </ul> |
| <b>D<br/>Below Average</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respectful 60-85% of the time</li> <li>• Rarely discusses assignments, often speaks disrespectfully</li> <li>• Rarely disagrees without being disagreeable</li> <li>• Rarely begins working immediately</li> <li>• Often loud/disruptive during independent work time</li> </ul>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rarely uses accountable talk when confused</li> <li>• Uses accountable talk 60-85% of the time in class</li> <li>• Rarely respectfully shows leadership in partners/groups</li> <li>• Often disrupts others in groups/individually</li> </ul>           |
| <b>F<br/>Failing</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respectful 0-60% of the time</li> <li>• Never discusses assignments, always speaks disrespectfully</li> <li>• Never disagrees without being disagreeable</li> <li>• Never begins working immediately</li> <li>• Very loud/disruptive during independent work time</li> </ul>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Never uses accountable talk when confused</li> <li>• Uses accountable talk 0-60% of the time in class</li> <li>• Never respectfully shows leadership in partners/groups</li> <li>• Always disrupts others in groups/individually</li> </ul>             |

# ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

**Cheating means gaining unfair advantage by using unauthorized information.**

*Cheating is further defined by but not limited to:*

- **COPYING** someone else's homework, classwork, or test answers
- **ALLOWING** someone else to copy your work or test answers
- **USING** any kind of unauthorized device, study aid, or cheat sheet
- **POSSESSING** or **VIEWING** a copy of an exam beforehand
- **SHARING** test information with students who have not yet taken the test or course
  - *This includes taking answers/questions from a test out of the classroom without the permission of the teacher. (even "by accident")*
- **CHANGING** your answers or someone else's when correcting in class
- **MISREPRESENTING** work done by others as your own work

**Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as one's own without citing sources.**

- YOU ARE PLAGIARIZING when you copy a phrase, a paragraph, a page or an entire paper.
- YOU ARE PLAGIARIZING when you copy from a published source, i.e. Internet or print.
- YOU ARE PLAGIARIZING when you copy from someone else's work.

**Minimum consequences for cheating are as follows:**

- **REFERRAL** to Student Services
- **PARENT CONTACT** by the teacher
- **LUNCH DETENTION** with Student Services
- **NOTATION** made in school discipline record

**Additional consequences may include, but are not limited to, the following:**

- Student will receive a ZERO on the test or homework assignment
- Student will receive an "F" in citizenship for the quarter and depending on the severity of the infraction, may receive an "F" in citizenship for the semester
- Alternative assignment, to be determined by the teacher

**Be Responsible. Make Wise Choices.**

**If you are unsure, ask your teacher for guidance.**



# Ms. Whitham

## 2024 – 2025

Please sign and **return this page only** to your Math Teacher.

“I have received, read, and understand the course Syllabus for Math, and I have also read the Academic Integrity Policy.”

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Student's Name (printed)

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Student's Email

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian signature

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Parent/Guardian's Email

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Parent/Guardian Phone Number

