

Welcome to 8<sup>th</sup>/Algebra 1 Common Core Mathematics  
Mrs. Harman  
Room 215

- **Classroom Procedures/Expectations**

\*This is an accelerated class. We meet each day for a double period (90 minutes). We will start with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum then begin the Algebra 1 Common Core material. The students will be eligible to take the Algebra 1 Common Core Regents exam in June and receive credit for high school if they pass both the class and the regents.

\*We are a community of learners. I want your children to take risks in the classroom. That is how they gain confidence. It is important that each student respects their peers and allows them the opportunity to take risks without being judged.

- **Supplies-**

1 marble composition book (it must have a binding where the paper can not be torn out)

1 2 inch Binder (TO BE USED FOR MATH ONLY)

Pencils

1 box of tissues

Post its/colored pencils

TI-84 Graphing Calculator (Please only buy this brand)

- **Resources-**

\*Khan Academy (Excellent Resource!!!!)

Each student is required to spend 100 minutes per week on Khan Academy. The week goes from Wednesday to Wednesday at midnight. The number of minutes they do per week counts as a quiz grade. If they only do 70 minutes they will have a 70% for a quiz grade. No make ups. .do not procrastinate.

- **Homework/Projects-**

\*There is homework every night. I assign a project each month or every other month.

- **Quizzes/Tests-**

\*Khan Academy minutes count as one quiz grade per week along with at least one in class. Each unit will culminate with a test. They will ALL have to bring home and get signed by a parent/guardian no matter what the grade. I try to emphasize in class that quizzes/tests help me to know what we do well and what we need to work on. I like to spiral the curriculum daily. Each concept builds on previous concepts.

- **Communication:**

- My email address is [eharman@yonkerspublicschools.org](mailto:eharman@yonkerspublicschools.org). Please contact me with any concerns.
- Yonkers Montessori Academy -914-376-8540
- This year we are going to use Edmodo. Both parents and students should join. I have attached directions to get set up. Reminders and information will be available on the class page.
- I am also using LearnBoost (an online grading system) which you will have the ability to view your child's grades and assignments that are recorded. I also will post comments in LearnBoost

Grades are weighted by the following:

Quizzes	20%
Khan Academy	20%
Projects	20%
Tests	30%
Work plan	10%