

# Math Foundations Semester 1

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## Course Overview

This course will examine the fundamental mathematical skills that a person will need in order to be prepared for independent living after high school. We will review foundational math skills like long division, converting fractions to decimals, and simple algebra. The bulk of the course will focus on learning real life skills like balancing a checkbook, setting a budget, real world word problems, and basic problem solving using mathematic reasoning.

## Required Text

There is no required text for this class. We will be utilizing information from the world around us to formulate our text. We will use various online and paper resources throughout the course.

## Course Materials

There will be classwork that may require the following:

- Pencil
- Notebook/workbook

NOTE: All tests will be “Open Note” which means any notes that you have taken may be used on any test or summative assessment. Notes may or may not be used on quizzes, and your teacher will direct you whether or not notes will be allowed on a given text.

## Homework Policy

I expect that all homework will be turned in on time. I do understand that life circumstances happen, and that not everyone will be able to turn in every homework assignment on time. I provide full credit for any assignment that is turned in before the Unit Test for each unit. I will deduct 10% per day for late assignments. No credit will be given to assignments that are turned in after a given semester, and no missing work will be accepted in the last two weeks of the semester.

Homework Type	Percentage of Grade
Classwork	50%
Participation	20
Tests/Quizzes/Papers/Assessments (One make-up allowed per test.	30%

**NOTE:** Grading may be modified to take into account a student's IEP, 504 plan, or other unique needs.

### **Technology Policy**

This class will rely heavily on technology for daily work, tests, quizzes, and assignments. All students will be required to sign, and follow the Mobile Device Acceptable Use Policy that is attached to the syllabus. The iPads distributed in class are for school use only. Student will not enter their own individual AppleID, download games, or engage in nonacademic use of programs on the iPad. This includes using the camera on the iPads to take pictures of other students, yourself, SEAs and/or the Teacher. Failure to use the iPads for this purpose may result in the loss of privilege to use iPads.

### **Cellular Phone and Electronics Policy**

The school policy on technology indicates that the use of cellular devices is at the discretion of each teacher. Each teacher in this program may have different expectations for the use of cell phones. My policy is as follows:

- Cell phones may be used in class until the bell for class rings. At that time students will have 1 minute to place all cellular phones, tablets, and/or computers away in the student's pocket, or on the table with the face down.
- All phones, tablets and/or personal computers must remain away unless given permission by the teacher in the classroom. Students may be given permission to use their phone during independent work time. Not every student will be given permission to use their cellular phones during independent work time based on the student's positive behaviors in class.
- I will not charge cellular phones, computers, tablets in class *unless* the student is willing to leave the device until lunch or the end of the day depending on when the device is turned in.
- Students will be able to use their phone during independent work time for music with the use of personal headphones.
- If a student fails to comply with these requests, the student's name will be placed on the board, and they will not be able to enter class the next day if they do not turn in the phone to the SEA or Teacher prior to the start of class.

### **Miscellaneous Policies**

- There is to be no food in the classroom. A student may bring water in a spill-proof water bottle.
- Hats, and Hoods are to remain off at all times while in class.
- A student will be considered on time to class if the student is seated, in their assigned seat with all electronic devices put away, and hats/hoods off within 1 minute of the class bell, or with a pass from another teacher.
- From time to time we may show a movie or clip from a movie in class. If you or your parent/guardian object to showing this content in class, please return a note to me indicating that you would prefer that your student doesn't watch these materials.



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## Mobile Device Agreement

A Mobile Device is defined as an iPad, Chromebook, laptop computer, iPod, tablet, eReader or any other similar technology provided by Minneapolis Public Schools

The use of the Minneapolis Public School's electronic technologies is designed to create an equitable, standards-based, supportable, systemic and student-focused resource for the community. All electronic technologies must be used in support of the educational program of the District. This access may be revoked at any time for abusive or inappropriate conduct related to the use of electronic technologies.

Failure to comply with the Bullying and Hazing Prohibition Policy (5201), Internet and Educational Network Policy (6415), Student Personal Electronic Device Policy (5210), Harassment and Violence Prohibition Policy (4002), Student Discipline Policies as stated in school handbook or the guidelines stated for care and use of the mobile device may result in the loss of privilege to take the mobile device home or use the mobile device in general. The above policies can be found at <http://policy.mpls.k12.mn.us>.

## Loss or Damage

- If the mobile device is lost or stolen, it must be reported to the office staff as soon as possible. It may be the responsibility of the student and the family to recover or replace the lost mobile device. When possible, the district and the police will assist in recovery.
- Do not attempt to gain access to the internal electronics or repair your mobile device.
- If your mobile device fails to work or is damaged, report the problem to the School Technology staff as soon as possible.
- Mobile device repair/replacement options will be determined by the MPS technology staff.
- You may be issued a temporary mobile device or other materials until your mobile device is working properly or replaced. If the mobile device is experiencing technical difficulties outside of school hours, you will need to wait until you return to school in order to fix it.
- Replacement fees may be assessed for lost or damaged items in accordance with the District's policy on responsibility for lost or damaged materials.
- Mobile devices which have been intentionally damaged by the student will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

## Unacceptable Use

Students are prohibited from:

- Illegal installation or transmission of copyrighted materials
- Jailbreaking a device
- Any activity violating school policy or public law
- Sending, accessing, uploading, downloading, or distributing offensive, profane, threatening, pornographic, obscene, sexually explicit, or any material deemed unacceptable by Minneapolis Public Schools administration
- Use of non-school approved chat rooms; messaging services, Internet/Computer games
- Use of an external data disks or attachments without prior approval from administration
- Spamming/Sending mass or inappropriate emails
- Gaining access to another student's accounts, files, and/or data
- Use of the Minneapolis Public School's technology resources for financial or commercial gain as well as illegal activity including credit card fraud and electronic forgery
- Use of anonymous and/or electronic false communications
- Dissemination of personal information to non-school approved organizations
- "Cyber-bullying" or the use of the mobile device to harass or demean any person, including but limited to Minneapolis Public School students and staff
- Bypassing the web filter within the Minneapolis Public Schools
- Plagiarism of any form

The mobile device is the property of Minneapolis Public Schools and as a result may be seized and reviewed at any time. The student should have NO expectation of privacy of materials found on a mobile device.

I am aware of the policies and guidelines related to the Minneapolis Public Schools Mobile Device Agreement and understand my responsibilities as a student in the Minneapolis Public Schools:

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_