

Mathematics 9 – Mr. Black
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Overriding Classroom Rule: **RESPECT!!!** All opinions and thoughts must be respected in order to encourage full class involvement and establish an anxiety-free learning environment. Any students who choose to disrespect others will complete the course in an alternate setting.

Technology: Due to the negative impact that personal technology has on academic learning, no devices are permitted during class time.

Absent Policy: Students who are away from class are responsible for ALL missed work and information. It is recommended you find someone in the class that can inform you of what was missed. In order to be successful in this course you must be proactive; if for any reason you are away, do not wait until your return to learn the missed material and rearrange assessments -- the course moves on without you, even when you are away. In order for your teacher to be able to provide fair and consistent assessment for all students, extensions on an assessment asked for on the due date of such assessment will not be granted. **EXCEPTION:** If a serious emergency or special circumstance occurs please let me know so arrangements if desired, can be made. Bottom line: if you show respect for your role as a learner, I will do whatever I can to support you and have this be a successful year.

Missed Test/Quiz/Assignment Policy: If you happen to miss an assessment-class, you must have a parent or guardian get in touch with me via email to legitimize your absence. If the absence is deemed to be illegitimate, you will not be given the opportunity to write the test, and you will receive a mark of zero.

Retest Policy:

Each unit test can be retaken once. Your earned mark will be based upon these two scenarios:

- a. If you completed at least two-thirds of the recommended practice problems, the higher of the two grades will be accepted.
- b. If you completed less than two-thirds of the recommended practice problems, the re-test score will be kept.

Practice Marks

To succeed you must practice the material. To create the fairest, and most motivating mark rubric, your practice mark will be determined by the percentage of questions completed in the workbook or by the earned score on assessments -- whichever is higher. Internalize this: the more practice you do, the better you will do.

Course Concepts

Math 9 uses Mickelson's Mathematics 9 text as the foundation of the course. We will use the textbook on a daily basis; course concepts explored in this course are (but are not constrained or limited to):

- Square Roots, Powers and Exponents Laws (Major)
- Rational Numbers (Major)
- Linear Relations (Major)
- Polynomials (Major)
- Linear Equations (Major)
- Probability and Statistics (Minor)
- Similarity and Scale Factors (Minor)
- Finance (Minor)

Mark Distribution:

Unit Assessments: **50%**

Practice: **10%**

Quizzes/Assignments: **10%**

Cumulative Assessments: **10%**

Final Exam: **20%**

I am available for support during lunch hour. All students welcome. Feel free to come ask one question or all the questions. **Be honest with yourselves and me, and we will be fine.**