

Welcome to your Geometry CP class. The purpose of this class is to develop analytical skills that will transfer to future study of mathematics and to show how math exists in everyday life. With the adoption of the new Common Core Content Standards, there will be more integration of critical thinking and problem-solving than what you might be used to up to now. There will be many times when the class moves fast; so it will be necessary that you keep up with the work, participate fully in class, and ask questions when you have them.

Like Jerry Mortensen said, "Math is not a spectator sport"; so I expect my students to be fully engaged in class, whatever the activity or assignment may be. Above all, try to have a positive attitude about math, regardless of the type of experience you might have had in the past.

Now, as far as requirements, here is some general information for our class. Please make sure to read it with your parent(s)/guardian(s), sign the receipt below, and return it to class tomorrow.

Thank you, and let us have a great year,
Mrs. Bass

Materials needed: It is mandatory that you bring all these materials to class every day.

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| 1) Lined white paper | 4) Two low-odor dry-erase markers (just in case one runs out) |
| 2) Two pencils and an eraser – you may either use pencils with eraser, or a stand-alone eraser. | 5) A section in a binder labeled for Geometry <i>or</i> a spiral notebook devoted to Geometry |
| 3) Textbook | |

Grade composition: Your grade will be based on the following percentages and scale:

Tests: 40%	90-100%: A
Quizzes: 20%	80-89%: B
Homework: 10%	70-79%: C
Classwork and participation: 10%	60-69%: D
Notes and warm-ups: 10%	59% or below: F
Benchmarks and final exam: 10%	

Classroom expectations

Remember that you are here to learn. Therefore, the following behavior will be expected of you every day:

- 1) Be on time and prepared.
You must be in your seat when the bell rings and have all your required materials with you.
 - 2) Respect yourself, others, and their property.
 - 3) Finish any conversation, eating, drinking or grooming before entering the classroom.
Gum, eating, drinking, grooming, and conversations not assigned by the teacher are not allowed during class. We need to keep our classroom clean and ourselves focused on the subject.
 - 4) Remain seated, and put all non-instructional and distracting items away
As mandated by the school, electronic devices, including iPods and cell phones, are not allowed during class. The use of any non-instructional or distracting item is subject to confiscation and detention.
 - 5) Listen attentively to your teacher and classmate(s) participating.
 - 6) Obey all school rules, and follow directions the first time they are given.
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Non-compliance may result in the following consequences:

Reminder/Warning

Detention/Referral

Loss of points

One-on-one conference

Contacting parents

Confiscation

These and other consequences may be applied at the teacher's discretion. (This list is not in any particular order.)

Rewards, on the other hand, may include praise, positive notes, homework passes, and other rewards as teacher sees fit.

Tardy policy

If you arrive to class after the bell, you will be marked "unexcused tardy" unless you have a pass. Excessive tardies may result in school disciplinary action, so make sure to arrive on time.

Homework policy

Homework will be assigned **every day**, including Friday. Every homework will be stamped for completion and usually graded during class. Homework will be turned in periodically in a packet that contains the homework assignments for that period. Late homework will be accepted only under special circumstances.

Notes and warm-ups packets

I will collect the warm-ups and the notes at the end of the chapter in a packet, and you will receive credit for completion.

Make-up work

If you are absent, you may find the homework assignments on my website (listed above). You may obtain the rest of the missing work (including warm-ups and notes) from a classmate. Due to the nature of some activities, make-ups are not always possible.

Tests and quizzes

There will absolutely not be any make-up quizzes. If you miss a quiz, the same percentage that you obtain on the chapter test will be applied to the quiz that you missed.

Challenges of the week

Throughout the year, we will be working on problems that require analysis and skills application. There will be different levels of difficulty, but we will follow a similar process on each. These will not be accepted late, and homework passes may not be used towards them.

Help: Make sure to ask for help if you need it.

If you have questions about the homework or a topic covered in class, you may obtain help:

- During class by asking me, your partner, or your group.
- By meeting with me for one-on-one help— just see me to find a time that works for both of us.
- By attending Link Crew or after-school tutoring.

Checking your grade

Grades will be posted periodically on the window outside the classroom. However, your parents and you either have or will have access to your grades on Zangle/Q. It is your responsibility to check your grade on a regular basis. If you need to speak to me about your grade, please see me or send me an e-mail.

I, _____ (name of parent), and my student,
_____ (name of student), have read and understand the guidelines, procedures,
requirements and expectations set forth in Mrs. Bass's letter, and agree to follow them, and do our best to have a great year.

Signature of parent/guardian

Student's signature

Date

Parent's e-mail address and/or telephone number

Period