

## Syllabus

MRWC, 2017-2018

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<http://www.rhodewalt.com/room608.html>

This class will be unlike any math class you have experienced. Throughout the MRWC curriculum, you will engage in collaborative mathematical activity games and explorations. These instructional activities will enable learners to examine, test, and communicate their reasoning and knowledge through collaborative efforts similar to those they are likely to encounter in college and career settings.

This class reinforces and builds on mathematical topics and skills developed in Algebra I, II, and Geometry. This class was designed by CSU and UC university professors, and follows the standards currently associated with Pre-Calculus as well as the optional standards associated with Integrated 3 math.

You will work hard in this class, and you will learn about patterns and profound mathematical concepts.

### **Attendance**

You are expected to arrive before class, set up your things, and begin work before the start of class. You will be marked tardy if you walk in after the start of class. If you are late three times, you and your parents and I will meet to make plans to help you arrive on time. If you need to be reminded to get to work after the bell, you and I will meet outside of class to discuss this.

If you miss a class, you are responsible for determining your missing assignments and turning them in the day after you return. Assignments are posted each morning in the room and on the classroom web site, along with several social media sites.

### **Required Materials**

These items are required in class each day:

- Two pencils, sharpened before the start of class
- Eraser (best locally are Staedtler white plastic)
- Three-ring binder (2”), with seven tab dividers, to be used solely for this class
- Pen (black or dark blue)
- Lined paper
- Straightedge (ID card, pencil, eraser, ruler)

If you do not bring all of these, you will be distracting other students by borrowing from them or by not doing your work.

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Tear off and return this portion by Wednesday, August 16.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the MRWC, 2017-2018 (Rhodewalt) Syllabus.

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Homework**

Homework will be assigned occasionally, to be completed overnight. You should contact your classmates briefly to compare results, and fix any errors you find.

## **Gum/Food/Drink**

Food and drink cause messes in the classroom and so are prohibited. (Gum is prohibited on campus by school policy.) Please do not bring gum, food, or drink (other than water) into the classroom.

## **Personal Electronics**

We will use calculators and Chromebooks in class all year. You rarely need your cell phone. Turn it off and put it away before you enter the classroom. I will confiscate your cell phone if I see it. Confiscated items can only be retrieved by your parent, at the end of the day. The Discipline department records each confiscation; repeated events can ultimately result in detention or even suspension.

## **Class Participation**

You will be expected to participate actively throughout the period: answer and ask questions, work in groups, respect the speaker, follow instructions, and be prepared each day. Participation is important so I track it in Synergy. It is worth 10% of your semester grade. Late arrivals cost you participation points.

## **Grading Components**

As in most college math classes, tests make up most of your grade. There will be approximately four unit tests each semester.

Tests and quizzes	40%
Semester final	10%
Classwork	30%
Binder	10%
Class participation	10%

Letter grades follow the PSUSD adopted scale (90-100% = A, 80-89.9% = B, 70-79.9% = C, etc.). Per the department and district policies, grades are not rounded up. A grade of 79.9% is a C.

I update Synergy within 24 hours for most assignments.