**Algebra 9**

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**Student Expectations:**

 **Bring materials to class each day**

* Math folder and math notebook
* Calculator TI-30X IIS will be fine
	+ (phone calculators will not be allowed)
* Pencil
* Textbook

**Class Guidelines**

* Show respect to yourself, others and classroom
* Show up on time and ready to go
* Follow all school rules
* Give me 100%

**Class Website:** You can find the class website by going to sw.flaschools.org then clicking on directory in the upper right hand corner. Search for McGowan and click view website.

**Student Resources:** A variety of study tools as well as the online textbook can be found at [**www.my.hrw.com**](http://www.my.hrw.com) using the following username and password.

**Username: swrangers**

**Password: algebra**

**Cheating:** Copying homework or test answer, or allowing someone to copy your work will not be tolerated. All persons involved will receive a zero.

**Help:** I will be available for you to come to for help. I will be available before school at 7:15 and after school until 3:15. Please check in with me before showing up so that I know when you are coming.

**Test Retake Policy**

Students will be allowed to retake a test or a quiz under the following guidelines:

* A student who earns a test score that is less than 70% will have the opportunity to retake the test.
* A student can earn a retake score of no higher than 70%
* All of the student’s homework for the chapter must be completed before being eligible to retake the test.
* The student must meet with me for remediation before retaking the test.
* Student must retake the test within one week of the tests being returned.

**Grading**

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| 100% A+93-99% A90-92% A- | 87-89% B+83-86% B80-82% B- | 77-79% C+73-76% C70-72% C- | 67-69% D+63-66% D60-62% D- | 0-59% F |

**Accelerated class requirements:**

8th grade students in this course are ahead of grade level, to maintain a slot in this course you must meet an average of 83% (B) for each quarter and receive an average of 90% on homework each quarter.

**Tests and Quizzes: 70% of the grade**

* Quizzes and Tests are normally scheduled at the middle and/or end of each chapter.
* If a student is absent the day of the test, they are expected to make it up the day they return.

**Daily Assignments/Participation/Expectations: 30% of the grade**

Daily Assignments:

* Scores
	+ 4 points – Homework is complete with all work shown
	+ 3 points – Homework is complete but missing some of the work
	+ 2 points – Homework is almost complete and/or missing all work
	+ 0 points – Homework is incomplete

Absent Work: Absent work will receive full credit when turned in within two school days for each day absent.

Late Work: Students will receive one late homework coupon each quarter that can be attached to late homework to receive full credit. All late homework turned in without the coupon can receive up to 2 points if the work is turned in by the school deadline at the middle of the quarter and end of the quarter.

Participation/Expectations:

* There will be two points each day of class
	+ Points will be lost for not bringing materials, distracting others, not using time in class, cell phone use and/or negatively affecting class.
* Note packets will be turned in for points when a quiz or test is taken.
	+ To get full credit packets need to be completed. If you are absent it is your responsibility to borrow somebody’s to fill in what was missed.

Grade updates: Grades can be viewed using School View online access.

**\* \* Important \* \***

**Please return this portion of the sheet to Mr. McGowan by**

 **Friday September 9th, 2016.**

**Printed Student Name**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the classroom expectations. I will honor them while in the classroom.

**Student Signature**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please share any information about your son/daughter that will be helpful to me this year as his/her math teacher. This could be insight on your child’s math ability or learning style as well as other information.

If needed I will contact you via the information provided to the school, this information is updated on our system based on emergency contact forms. These forms should have been received by the student in the student’s advisory class.