

Math 8 – Mr. James

Expectations and Standards

Course Description:

In Math 8 we will prepare the students to be successful on the New York State Math 8 Assessment in the early spring. We will also lay a foundation for the student's future high school mathematics courses. We will both review and continue to develop basic skills in all units while also providing opportunities for the students to apply their knowledge. Each student will need a scientific calculator (TI30XIIS) as these are required for the State Assessment.

Calculators:

Scientific calculators The TI-30XS scientific calculator is required for this course. If a student does not already have one, they are available in many stores for less than \$20. (See Mr. James ASAP if there is an issue.)

Graphing calculators Graphing calculators are not required for this course.

NOTE: Students are responsible for the replacement cost of lost or damaged school calculators.

Grade Standards (each marking period):

Participation: 20% - attendance, on-task, ask/answer questions, prepared (see below)

Homework: 20%

Quizzes: 30%

Tests: 30%

A final exam will be given which will count for 1/3 of the final grade.

Classroom Expectations:

- Start of class – Be ***on time*** and ***prepared*** (bring laptop, workbook and pencil/eraser)
- Lesson time - Pay complete attention
- Class work time - Be on task
- Always - Follow directions the first time

Cell Phones: Cell phones are not allowed out during class.

Academic Honesty: Cheating will result in a grade of zero and parental notification.

Failure to meet these expectations will result in a lower participation grade, parental notification and other appropriate consequences as determined by teacher.