

## Class Syllabus

## Geometry

Mr. Greenstein

**Text:** Big Ideas Math, *Geometry*  
Larson, Boswell, et al; 2015

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**Procedures:** A typical class session will consist of the following elements:

Start of class: Class starts when the bell rings. The day's agenda will be on the board. Take out your homework when you arrive in class and use a **pen** to correct your answers. Homework will be collected and counts towards your grade.

During class: Students are expected to take notes and actively participate during class. This includes instruction of new material, classroom discussions, independent work, and group work. Occasionally, I will give you time at the end of class to start your homework. This is not "free time" and should be used for Geometry work only.

End of class: Make sure you copy down the homework for that night from the board. Return your desk to its original position, put books back in their place, and clean up around your desk. You will remain in your seat until the bell rings.

### **Expected student behavior: Ready, Responsible, and Respectful!**

Ready: Students must be in their seats and ready to work when the bell rings. You must have all your supplies and papers with you when you arrive.

Responsible: You are responsible for learning the material, participating in class, doing homework, asking questions, getting extra help when you need it, and making up any missed assignments, quizzes, and tests. Make an honest effort to do homework assignments because mastery of the material is dependent on regular practice.

Respectful: Respect yourself, your classmates, your school, and me by bringing a positive attitude and work ethic into every class. If you respect others, then you will receive respect in return.

**Mr Greenstein's Web Site ([greenstein.com/mvhs](http://greenstein.com/mvhs)):** The web site contains useful information about each chapter and section of the textbook. The web site contains overheads of the lectures, homework assignments, study guides, extra problems from the Holt book, and challenge problems.

**Homework:** Homework will be assigned daily and collected the next class. It must be done with a pencil on a piece(s) of paper that can be handed in. Homework bound in notebooks is not accepted. Homework is graded for effort and timeliness, not for correctness. Homework is for gaining mastery of the topic and to study for tests. Write your name, period number, date, and assignment number in the upper portion of each sheet of homework paper.

Name
Period #
Date
Assignment #

Staple all sheets together to turn in. Loose papers without this information get zero points.

**Quizzes/Tests:** A quiz is typically given once each week. A test is given at the end of each chapter. A group quiz is occasionally given and is graded in the same category as a quiz. All quizzes and tests are closed notes and closed books. Scientific calculators may be used if instructed to do so.

**Participation:** Participation points will be given based on attendance, meeting expected student behavior (see above) and participation in warm-ups, class discussions, group activities and board work.

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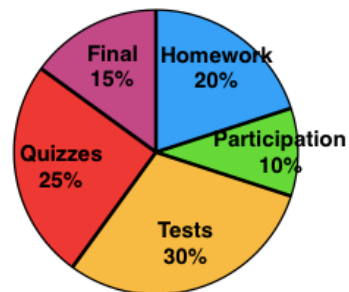
**Sign on the back and return the bottom portion. Keep the top portion in your math binder.**

### Grading Policies

90-100% = A      80-89.99% = B      70-79.99% = C      60-69.99% = D      below 60% = F

Your grade is a weighted percentage of points you earn out of the total possible. The weight for each part of your grade is as follows:

Assessment	Weight Percentage
Homework	20%
Participation/Projects	10%
Tests	30%
Quizzes/Group Quizzes	25%
Semester Final	15%



**Supplies:** Students should have in class: pencils, pens, and erasers; a binder with a section for class notes/warm-ups and extra paper (including graph paper); a **ruler** and **compass**; and a scientific calculator. I will notify students when other supplies are needed for a particular unit.

**Out-of-room policies:** Students must first ask permission from me to use the bathroom. This helps me keep track of attendance in the classroom. Only one student may leave for the bathroom at a time. Students may not leave the room for any other reason.

**Tardiness:** Students must be in their seats when the bell rings. This contributes to a positive start of the lesson. Students seated after the bell will be marked as tardy and will be dealt with per the school-wide Attendance Discipline Policy (pages 5-7 of the Student Handbook).

**Absences; excused:** Students are responsible for making up all missed homework, quizzes, and tests. Students with planned absences must make arrangements with me at least a week prior to the absence. Students with unplanned absences, like illness, must make up all missed work within a week of returning to school. Students who miss a group quiz will makeup the quiz by themselves.

**Absences; unexcused:** All work due during unexcused absences, including homework, quizzes and tests, will get an automatic zero.

**Cheating:** Three things take place when a student cheats in this class:

- 1) Zero will be entered for the assignment/test.
- 2) Parents and the administration will be notified of the incident.
- 3) A letter will be submitted to the counselor to be placed in the student's school file.

**Help/Communication:** I really want you to learn and to do well in this class! I am usually in either E201 or E204 before school, during tutorial, and most lunch times. Please make an appointment if you want to meet another time.

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**I have read and I understand the structure and course requirements for Geometry.**

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**Student Signature**

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**Parent Signature**

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**Student Name (Print)**

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**Parent E-mail and/or Phone**