

# MATH ESSENTIALS COURSE SYLLABUS 2020-2021

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MY PLANNING PERIOD IS 9:45 A.M. – 12:05 P.M.

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to Marion High School! I will be your students' Mathematics teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. I am excited for this upcoming school year and have high expectations of all my students. I am asking you to help me encourage, motivate, and become an active participant in their education. For students to be successful, they need to attend class regularly, prepared, be willing to learn, cooperate and not be disruptive, study, have a positive attitude, respect me and fellow students, and learn to master the required content. I believe if we all work together we can have a great school year!

The following is important information needed to know for my class:

## **Course Description**

This course emphasizes the application of algebraic concepts and skills. State standards will be taught. This is a prerequisite for other mathematics courses. This course is counted as a math elective unit. Students must have seven elective units to achieve a high school diploma. This course will be taught daily for 90 minutes.

## **Course Outline (tentative and subject to change):**

Unit 1: Operations with Fractions

Unit 2: Integers and Rational Numbers

Unit 3: Ratios and Proportional Relationships

Unit 4: Probability and One Variable Statistics

Unit 5: Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities

Unit 6: Geometry

Unit 7: Functions and Linear Relationships

Unit 8: End of Course Review

## **Grading Scale**

A	100 – 90
B	89 – 80
C	79 – 70
D	69 – 60
F	59 – 0

## **Weights**

Major Assessments (Summative) – 40%
Formative Assessments – 30%
Homework/Classwork/Cooperative Learning/Bellwork – 20%
Non Fiction Writing/Reading Response Journals – 10%

## **\*\* Please Note \*\***

**Summative:** The goal for summative assessments are to evaluate student learning at the end of an instructional unit.

**Formative:** The goal for formative assessments are to monitor student learning to provide ongoing feedback that can be used to improve as needed.

**\*\*Parents can access PowerSchool Parent Portal on the Marion County School District website to view their students' grade on a daily basis. \*\***

## **Notebooks:**

Notebooks are essential to success in math. Notebooks should be a cumulative reflection of your progress in this class. You should keep your notebook throughout the whole course so that you can refer to old problems as needed.

### **Homework:**

It is my belief that every student can learn mathematics with the combined efforts of the teacher, the student, and the parent/guardians. Just like any musical instrument or sport or skill, MATH MUST BE PRACTICED. You will not succeed at math by watching someone else do it. Homework gives you the opportunity to practice and refine new skills in math and is therefore important

### **Quizzes and Tests:**

All major tests will be announced. Quizzes may be announced or unannounced and will assess student understanding on a particular concept. Don't sweat it! If you are keeping up in class, you should be in great shape.

### **Expectations for Virtual Learning**

- Check email and Schoology daily
- Submit a completed Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) to your teachers (included in the online registration process)
- Make sure you know how to log into and use your email, Teams, and Schoology
- Create a learning space with no distractions
- Follow recommended schedule when at home
- Cell phones must be put away before the start of classes
- Daily attendance will be monitored during virtual sessions and in-person sessions
- Follow MCSD dress code during virtual sessions and when in-person (uniforms are not required when students are not at school)
- Be on time for all in-person and virtual sessions
- Participate and engage with teacher and fellow classmates
- Cooperate with and follow all instructions from your teachers
- Be mindful of due dates, pace yourself and submit assignments on time
- Maintain academic integrity - do your own work
- If you are using a MCSD device, follow all rules for using and maintaining the equipment including internet behavior
- Refrain from taking pictures or recordings during virtual sessions-any slide shows or information you need will be provided on Teams or on Schoology
- Behave in a respectful, appropriate, safe and kind manner
- Links, recordings, or pictures from virtual sessions are not to be forwarded to anyone or shared
- Keep your passwords safe to avoid being "hacked"
- Contact your teachers via email, through Teams or Schoology when you need assistance
- Follow MCSD Code of Conduct

### **Calculators:**

(Virtual students will use the Wabbitemu app pre-downloaded on their device)

(Face Two Face students) Each student will be assigned a graphing calculator (costing approximately \$100) and will be held responsible for its care and use during their class period. I expect all students to let me know at the beginning of class if their calculator is not in the case, even if they will be using their personal calculator.

### **Dress Code:**

**AT ALL TIMES**, students are expected to follow the dress code as outlined in the Code of Conduct. Failure to follow these policies will result in disciplinary action.

### **Class Rules**

1. Show and exhibit respect at all times.
2. Listen and follow directions at all times.
3. Show respectful character at all times.
4. Have materials available daily.
5. Follow all Marion High School Rules.

### **Consequences**

1. Student Conference / Reflection
2. Parent Notification
3. Guidance Referral
4. Administrator Referral

## Virtual Class Procedures

1. Have materials ready before joining virtual class.
2. Mute microphones once you have joined.
3. Make sure your camera is on once you have joined
4. Pay attention and take notes.
5. Click the “raise hand” option if you have a question or type into the comment box.

**Please note that we will practice these PROCEDURES so that eventually they become ROUTINES.**

### Communication

I believe that it is important to maintain regular communication with parents to ensure student success. I am available during my planning period (2<sup>nd</sup> Block) to speak to you directly. Student and Parents will be able to contact me through:

1. Microsoft Teams / Schoology / Remind
2. Email: [jgerrald@marion.k12.sc.us](mailto:jgerrald@marion.k12.sc.us)
3. Phone: 843 – 423 – 2571 ext. 3618

Again, thank you kindly for your cooperation and I look forward to meeting you and your student soon!

Sincerely,

*Julialyn Gerrald*

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### 1st Period

**A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/1stgerrald](https://rmd.at/1stgerrald)

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.




**B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message #1stgerrald to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting #1stgerrald to (843) 486-2364.

\* Standard text message rates apply.




### 3rd Period

**A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

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**B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

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### 4th Period

**A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

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Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.




**B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message #4thgerrald to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting #4thgerrald to (843) 486-2364.

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*\*\*Please take a picture of this page and email it to my email: [jgerrald@marion.k12.sc.us](mailto:jgerrald@marion.k12.sc.us)\*\**

**I/We fully understand the rules and expectations of Mrs. Gerrald's classroom management policy and agree to abide by these expectations throughout the school year.**

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

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Student Information Sheet

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_
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| i. Preferred Method of Contact (Please Circle) | Phone | Email |
| ii. Phone Number:                              | _____ |       |
| iii. Email:                                    | _____ |       |

2. Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_
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| i. Preferred Method of Contact (Please Circle) | Phone | Email |
| ii. Phone Number:                              | _____ |       |
| iii. Email:                                    | _____ |       |

**Please list any Special Needs/Medical Alerts:**

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**Parent Signature:**

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

**Student Signature:**

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