

Syllabus for Math 3 Intensive

2011-2012

Mr. Don Miller

Course Description

Middle School Math 3 Intensive is an intervention for 8th grade students working below grade level in Mathematics. We will focus on specific topics that will prepare students for high school Algebra. We will incorporate the standards covered on FCAT throughout the year. We will place emphasis on strengthening basic skills by using calculators and mental math skills. Students will apply concepts and skills to real-world problems that reflect our global society. Our ultimate goal is to master the skills, concepts, and strategies that will make all students successful.

Homework

Students will be issued a textbook that they are expected to keep at home. Homework must be completed on loose-leaf paper or worksheets that are provided. Unless otherwise stated, all work must be shown. Homework will be checked at the beginning of class on the next school day. Homework missed due to an absence can be obtained through www.edline.net. The textbook is also available online with additional resources through <http://angel.sarasota.k12.fl.us>.

Contacting the Teacher

You may contact me by email at DonaldMiller@ssas.org.

I try to answer email promptly and usually with 24 hours. You may also contact me by phone. (941 330-1855 ex. 114) Please leave your name, your child's name, a phone number where you can be reached, and the issue that is to be addressed. It is also helpful to let me know a good time to call. I try to return phone calls at the end of the school day. Conferences will be scheduled during the year to meet and talk about your child. Please do not pop in before or after class to discuss a concern. I have up to 140 students and need this time to organize my materials, check assignments and help students. I would prefer to talk to you about your child when I can give you my full attention and not be overheard by other students.

GRADING:

5%	Bellwork	35%	Tests
30%	Homework	30%	Quizzes

COURSE CONTENT

Textbook - Glencoe Florida Math Connects Plus - Course 3

Classroom Workbook - Math Triumphs - Books 1, 2 and 3

First Quarter: Workbook Chapters 1-3: Integers, Patterns and Graphs, Expressions and Equations

Second Quarter: Workbook Chapters 4-6: Angles, Ratios, Rates, Similarity, Exponents, Pythagorean Theorem

Third Quarter: Workbook Chapters 7-9: One-variable data, Percents, Circle Graphs, Two-variable data

Fourth Quarter: Textbook topics: Functions, Slope, Solving equations

Mr. Miller Classroom Agreement

Complete this form and return to Mr. Miller by Wednesday

Classroom Calculator Policy

I understand that classroom calculators are supplied as a convenience to students. If the classroom calculator assigned to a student is broken in anyway, I agree to pay \$5 to replace the calculator. It is the student's responsibility to report a calculator that may be broken. A classroom calculator is declared broken at the discretion of the classroom teacher. As an alternative, students may supply their own "basic" calculator on any given day or the entire school year. A "basic" calculator may not have any more function keys than the classroom calculator.

Home Computer Policy

I understand that students are required to check their grades and assignments using *www.edline.net*. Students may also access the on-line textbook and additional resources at *http://angel.sarasota.k12.fl.us*.

If the student does not have access to a computer at home for these purposes, please check the box below and other arrangements can be made with the teacher.

My student does not have access to a computer at home.

Signatures

I have read and agree to the class syllabus, classroom procedures, classroom calculator policy and home computer policy. I understand that I may also access the syllabus, procedures and current grades throughout the school year on-line through *www.edline.net*.

Student Name _____ Date _____ Per. _____

Student signature _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ email address _____

Note: Email is Mr. Miller's preferred method of initial communication.

Which is the best time to call the parent/guardian and at what phone number?

8:00 – 9:00 AM at _____

9:00 – 10:00 AM at _____

4:30 – 5:30 PM at _____

6:30 – 9:00 PM at _____