**Honors Math 7, Math 7 and Math 7 IB MYP**

**J.M. Alexander Middle School**

**Course Information: 2016-2017**

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* MCj02373190000[1]**Course Description**

This course is intended to teach students the math concepts set forth by the North Carolina Common Core Standards in 7th grade Math. Our instruction will be focused on expressions and equations, ratios and percent, as well as extending the scholars’ understanding of the number system, statistics and probability, and geometry.

* **Clasroom Expectations**
* Be respectful, caring, and listen when others are speaking (no bullying)
* Be prepared
* Follow directions the first time
* Speak quietly and use appropriate language (no profanity)
* Respect the property and personal space of others
* No food, drink, candy, or gum

I will be using **Class Dojo** to monitor behaviors in the classroom both positive and negative. This is a behavior management system that will send alerts and progress reports

to the parents through emails and like text messages through the app which is available

for both the IPhone and android phones. This is also the best method of communication

for me because I am not able to check emails often during the day and usually don’t

in the evenings or on weekends. This does not replace communication through emails,

it is just an option that yields a faster response in most cases. **Parents, please make sure**

**that I have a working email address for you.**

* j0280731**Required Texts**
* The Interactive Notebook will serve as our textbook this year. Everything that we do in class or for homework will be in this notebook.
* **MCj02340430000[1]Required Supplies**
  + Five Star 5 subject notebook with pages no smaller than 8 ½ by 11 with a plastic cover.
  + Pencils (preferably mechanical or bring a personal pencil

Sharpener)

* + **Optional** items include: colored pencils or markers, ruler, calculator, graph paper
* **Types of Assignments**

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* + Classwork/Homework
  + Hands-on activities
  + Quizzes
  + Tests
  + Projects
  + We will also utilize several math websites
* **Guidelines for Term Grading**

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| **Category** | **Percentage** | **Types of Assignments** |
| Informal | 35% | Classwork, Homework, Etc. |
| Formal | 65% | Quizzes, Tests, and Projects |

* **Guidelines for Course Grade**

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| **A** | **Percentage** |
| B | 90 - 100 |
| C | 80 - 89 |
| D | 70 - 79 |
| F | 69 and below |

* **Attendance Policy**

It is important to attend class and participate in class discussions and activities. Please make sure you follow the district attendance policy in order to earn credit for the course.

**Interactive Notebook**

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**Interactive Notebook**

Each scholar is responsible for keeping up with his/her Interactive notebook and bringing it to class every day. The Interactive notebook is **not** optional and will play a major part in the academic success for the class. Everything we do will be placed in the notebook.

Scholars will earn several grades for the interactive notebook throughout each quarter which are formal grades. There will be at minimum, a formal grade for the notebook at the end of each unit. A rubric will be used when grading the notebook.

A copy of the table of contents will be accessible to the scholars within the classroom to help ensure they are successful with keeping up with the notebook. Scholars are responsible for getting missing assignments due to absence when they return to school.

The Interactive Notebook is required for any and all parent/teacher conferences. If the scholar will not be present for the conference, he/she must ensure that their parents have their notebook for the conference. **No conference will be held without the scholar’s Interactive Notebook.**

**Requirements**

* Mead (Five Star) 5 subject notebook with pages no smaller than 8 ½ by 11
* Glue stick

MCPE07182_0000[1]**Assignment Policies**

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**Teacher: Ms. T. Taylor**

**Term: 2016-2017**

**Please read through this carefully and ask questions if there is *anything* you do not understand.**

* All assignments must be submitted at the time they are due, if not earlier. Per the JMA grading policy, if an assignment is late, it will not earn a grade higher than a 60.
* If there are *extenuating circumstances* preventing a scholar from submitting an assignment on time, the scholar must speak privately with the teacher to explain the circumstances surrounding a late assignment beforehand. The teacher will discuss private issues with scholar on a one-to-one basis only.
* When a scholar has been absent, it is his/her responsibility to ask for makeup work or missed assignment on the day he/she returns to class. Per the JMA grading policy, the scholar will have 5 days to make up the work. If the scholar does not collect missing work/assignments on the day they return, it will be considered late and will not receive full credit.
* If a scholar is aware that they are going to be absent from school in advance for travel, family functions (not including the death of a relative), or a school related function, it is the responsibility of that scholar to turn in any assignments that will be due while they are gone before leaving for those days. Otherwise, the assignment may be considered late and receive penalties.
* I make myself readily available to any scholar who needs additional explanation or help getting started or completing assignments during morning tutoring. The scholar has to make arrangements with me and I will make myself available for tutorials as soon as possible.

**To Parents:**

Hello! My name is Ms. Tonya Taylor and I will be your child’s Math teacher this 2016-2017 school year. I am a single mother of 1 daughter who is a college sophomore and athlete who is the light of my life. I graduated from Independence High School and am so thrilled to be teaching in the city where I was born and raised

I have set high expectations and requirements for this class. It is important that I have your support. I am aware that I cannot do my job well without your help. Please read this course information packet and sign below indicating that you agree to become my partner in your child’s education.

I am always available if you feel the need to check on your child’s progress. You can contact me is via email: [tonya.taylor@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:tonya.taylor@cms.k12.nc.us). I can also be reached through class dojo which, in fact, is the best method of contacting me any time during the day and especially after hours. Thank you in advance for your support and I look forward to working with you!

Scholar Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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