

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

8th Grade Math Intensive

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Course Overview

Welcome to 8th Grade Math Intensive Class in the morning! This course provides students with a second period of mathematics along with growth mindset instruction in order to support students in achieving and maintaining mastery in their regular math class. This support may be for just one trimester or longer as needed.

Key mathematical concepts will be explored in an engaging way at a deep level in parallel with students' regular math class in order to build and improve on students' confidence, math skills, conceptual understanding, and growth mindset. Students will build up their critical number sense and other math skills in a safe environment with interesting open-ended tasks, number talks, math games and growth mindset activities. Class size is limited, and students of varying levels of mastery will be included to maximize student benefit. Be prepared to work hard, struggle productively, share your creative thinking, learn from each other, and have fun!

Online Textbook:

<https://bim.easyaccessmaterials.com/index.php?level=11.00>

Google Classroom Codes:

<https://classroom.google.com>

Period 0 - WGYRBX

Goals and Growth Mindset

Scientists have studied the brain and have proven that we can learn and grow our brain by **attempting something new, working really hard at it, and making lots of mistakes along the way.** When we struggle with a new concept or skill, and when we make mistakes and learn from them, our brains grow more than at any other time. If we are not struggling, then we have stopped learning. In other words, easy is boring, and effort with struggle makes your brain grow. This year we will have many opportunities to grow and learn together. We will set goals for ourselves, and work hard to reach them. Be ready to accept challenges in math class, make mistakes, share your mistakes, and learn from them. Don't give up and always keep trying.

Mustang Musts ...

- **Be Safe**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Responsible**

Absences

It is the responsibility of the student to retrieve their missed work and complete it in the allotted time.

How is my grade calculated?

In this class, students will earn a "pass" or "no pass" grade each trimester, based on classwork and participation. As long as students attend class on a regular basis and participate fully in our daily activities, they will earn a passing grade. There will be no homework except for finishing classwork not done in class or making up absent work.