

8th Grade Math FAQ

****This paper needs to stay in your binder all year long.****

1. Do you have tutoring in case I need help on something?

YES! I have tutoring every day from 8:15-8:40. I occasionally have to cancel due to meetings, but I will send out a Remind if I know in advance that tutoring is canceled. Morning tutorials are **ONLY** for students need help with math work, or for students who were absent and need math instruction or to make-up what they missed, or for students working on math test corrections.

2. How do I sign up for your Remind?

Text @mrsdrauden to 81010.

3. What is the best way to reach you?

Email is the best way to reach me. I will try to get back to you as soon as I can during the school day. Otherwise I will return your email during the next school day. Email me at christinadrauden@misdmail.org.

4. I lost my homework. What do I do?

Check the extra copies box in your math class. If there are no more extra copies, check Mrs. Drauden's website or Skyward for a printable PDF version.

5. What is your website address?

My website address is mrsdrauden.weebly.com

6. Do I need to show work on assignments?

YES! **No Work = No Credit.** It is difficult for me to help you understand a concept if I can't see the work you did to arrive at an answer. Also, a correct answer without work to support it will be suspicious, as if you copied the answer from someone else.

7. Do test reviews count for a grade?

YES! They also help you know what to expect on the test, so do your best work and come to tutoring if you don't understand something. If you don't understand it on the review, you probably won't understand it on the test.

8. What happens if my homework is late?

Homework is due at the **BEGINNING** of your class on the day that it is due. Whether you turn it in later that day OR the very next day, you will lose 15 points for being late. Don't rush through it and try to turn it in the same day because you will still lose the same 15 points. Make sure you are doing your very best work so that you can still have the highest possible grade.

9. What happens if my homework is more than one day late?

Turning in an assignment 2 days late means you lose 30 points. Turning in an assignment 3 days late means you lose 45 points. Papers will not be accepted after the 3rd day and you will receive a 0 in Skyward.

10. But what if I'm absent?

If you are absent, you have one day for every day that you are absent to make up the work. If you haven't turned it in at the end of your extra time, the late policy will kick in for that assignment and you will lose 15 points per day.

11. What if I need to ask you a question or turn in a paper when your door is closed?

Please do not interrupt my other classes to turn in work or ask questions. If your work is late, refer to FAQ #8. If you have a question, you may ask during passing periods or come to see me for tutoring the next morning. If you need to turn in an assignment when my door is closed, please put it in the folder on my door.

12. I failed a test. What do I do?

Correct it! You have the opportunity to correct any failed test up to a 70. You will receive a corrections sheet the day you receive your graded test and will be expected to rework ALL missed problems on that sheet in my classroom during tutoring. You will have one week to complete the corrections and you **are** allowed to ask me for help. Incomplete corrections will not be graded. Points must be earned back, meaning that if you rework a problem and it is not correct, you will not receive credit for that problem.

13. I don't have a graphing calculator at home. How can I do my homework?

Many problems can be completed with a scientific calculator or your phone or iPad calculator. There is a free iPad app called Desmos that will perform many of the same functions as your school calculator.

14. Am I allowed to use PhotoMath or a similar app to help me on my assignments?

NO. PhotoMath is a blacklisted app. When solving equations, you must show the work that you are taught in class. It is VERY easy to identify work that was generated by PhotoMath, and you will not receive credit for those problems. You might even receive a down or an office referral for turning in work that can be traced back to PhotoMath or a similar app.

15. How can I keep up with due dates for homework?

You should be writing due dates in your planner. I also keep an assignment poster in my classroom that shows when each assignment is due. This poster also shows the dates for losing 15, 30, and 45 points for late work, as well as the very last day that each assignment may be turned in for credit. You are welcome to take pictures of this poster.

16. How does the Skills Homework work?

Every Tuesday, you will receive a 10 question Skills Homework assignment that will be due the following Tuesday, which means that you have an ENTIRE WEEK to complete it. Many of the problems are from 5th, 6th, and 7th grades. If you don't understand how to solve a certain problem, I will give Skills Homework help during Thursday morning tutorials only. There are also links to video tutorials on my website. Click on the Skills Homework Help button on the homepage of my website to access these videos. Remember, you must show your work and you cannot use a calculator for Skills Homework! **No Work = No Credit.**