## Welcome to Math for the 2023-2024 school year!!!

Here is the grading policy I am implementing, as well as information on extra help.
iReady is our math program. Students are required to complete 10 lessons per quarter online. Classes will have time built into the week to work on this, either through iReady lab, a scheduled study hall, or time at the beginning or end of the day. This will be monitored weekly, as it typically works out to 1 lesson per week. If a student is behind, the student will be required to use our daily study hall block midday to work on it.

Each quarter, which is typically 10 weeks, students must complete a total of 2.5 hours of IXL in math. Concepts will be assigned in Google classroom. This will be monitored weekly. Students who are falling behind will be required to use study hall time at school to catch up. Please note IXL is amazing prep for tests as well. Just choosing an answer and getting a failing grade will not give full credit. Please do your best. To achieve full credit, $70 \%$ and above must be earned.

Homework will not regularly be assigned in Math 5-8, except for assessment preparation. Skills prep at home is ALWAYS encouraged. Algebra may have homework at times. My goal is to not have homework be cumbersome, but instead to be a reinforcement of what was learned in class. Homework is not graded on correct or incorrect answers. Homework that has been completed to the best of the student's ability will be given full credit. Homework that is partially completed will receive partial credit. No credit will be given if nothing is turned in or if very minimal work is shown.

We will take quizzes regularly as a check in before moving on to new content. Math concepts build off of one another. Students need to understand the prior skill before moving on to a larger skill. Tests will be given at the end of a chapter and/or unit.

The breakdown of the math grade for $5-8$ is below:
Quarterly iReady 15\%
Quizzes 20\%
Quarterly IXL 15\%
Class assignments 20\%
Tests 30\%

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Students enrolled in Algebra will complete IXL/iReady within the realm of Math 8. Therefore their Algebra grade will be as follows:

Quizzes 20\%
Homework 20\%
Class assignments 30\%
Tests 30\%
Study hall is offered daily during the recess block. I am available for math help then Monday-Thursday.

I am very excited to share my love of math with your students. I am here to help. If you have any questions, please email me at kdalessandro@ascaalbany.org.

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