Math I – Mr. Gowdy

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Parents: Please send me an e-mail identifying yourself and your child to ensure I have your correct address!

This year Math 1 will be using The Mathematics Vision Project (MVP) as our method of instruction. MVP is an integrated, task-based method of instruction, similar to the Open UP curriculum that was used by 8th grade math in the 2018-19 school year. The MVP program has been rewritten specifically for the NC Standard Course of Study. Within the classroom, your student will be guided through instruction in a variety of methods, often initially involving small-group or student-centered discussion.

Each student will have a student workbook for the tasks and assignments. They will also be asked to keep a notebook with all their work for each task contained in it.

Corresponding with each task, there will be assignments titled READY, SET, GO!

• READY = a check for prerequisite skills necessary for each task.

• SET is designed to reinforce the current lesson.

• GO is to practice previously learned skills, ensuring students maintain the knowledge they have gained.

As Math 1 this year will be in-class task based, attendance will be of the utmost importance. If a student misses a class, he/she will miss vital acquisition of concepts. While we understand it is sometimes necessary to miss class, it is imperative that absences be kept to a minimum.

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| **Course Units**  Module 1 - Sequences  Module 2 - Linear and Exponential Functions  Module 3 - Features of Functions  Module 4 - Equations and Inequalities  Module 5 - Systems of Equations and Inequalities  Module 6 - Quadratic Functions  Module 7 - Structures of Quadratics  Module 8 - Connecting Algebra and Geometry  Module 9 - Modeling Data | **Homework**  Homework is assigned almost daily. Time is often given in class to work, and students can finish during this time.   * HW is collected randomly throughout the quarter. * Each assignment is checked for completion and effort (**show work!**) and will be scored out of 10.   The HW score included in your grade at the end of each quarter will be determined by figuring the average of your daily assignments. I drop your worst grade. |
| **MVP Task Types**  DEVELOP UNDERSTANDING tasks surface student thinking  SOLIDIFY UNDERSTANDING tasks examine and extend student thinking  PRACTICE UNDERSTANDING tasks build fluency | **Testing** Math test day is **Thursday**. However, the new curriculum may require that Tests be given on other days. If so, plenty of notice will be given. Smaller quizzes may be given at any time. |
| **Grading** 20% Homework, classwork  80% Major Grades (tests, large projects, Quizzes,  small graded assignments) |
| **Materials needed daily**  3 ring binder  notebook paper  pencils (*Math should be done in pencil*.)  ruler or straight edge may be useful.  Students will be need to bring their provided composition notebook to class daily.  TI 83+ or 84 calculator will be helpful  🡪see my website for free version!  Strong Work Ethic |
| Your Final Average is calculated as follows:  First Semester   ……………….. 40%  First Quarter……… 20%  Second Quarter……20%  Second Semester………….. 40%  Third Quarter…….. 20%  Fourth Quarter……. 20%  Final EOC……………………. 20% Final Year-end Grade     100% |

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| **Class Rules / Behavior Expectations** | |
| * Be in your assigned seat, ready to work before the tardy bell rings. * Speak respectfully at all times. * Work without distracting or disturbing others. * Raise your hand to get my attention. | * Students should ask questions in class *after* making a valid attempt to solve problems. * Notes and examples should be copied down daily. * Remain seated until class is dismissed by the teacher. * Cell phones, tablets, etc. should not be used unless an instructional manner approved by the teacher. |
| **Tardy Policy**  Students will be considered tardy if they are not completely inside the classroom at the end of the bell.  It is acceptable for students to be out of their seats as long as they are in the process of preparing for class.  Students who receive one or more tardies will be issued the following consequences:  1st offense - Warning  2nd offense - Warning and call home  3rd offense - Call home with after-school  detention (4:00-4:45)  4th offense - Administrative Referral | **Electronic Policy**  Students considered to be in violation of the electronic policy will be issued one warning before being asked to leave the classroom and report to SI. Administration will handle any and all disciplinary action that may result.  In addition, students will not be allowed to charge their electronic devices in the classroom. (Note: charging stations are available in the cafeteria during lunch.) |
| **Help Sessions** I will be available regularly after school until 4:45. I also will be available before school. Students should double-check with me first, as I often have meetings or conferences. Please plan to stay if you are having any difficulties. Don’t wait too long! | **Food and Drink Policy**  Students will not be allowed to have food or drink in the classroom except for bottled water. If a student does need a snack during the day, it is most appropriate for that to be handled during schedule class changes. |

Please complete the following, sign and return indicating that you have received and understand the syllabus and class expectations. The previous page is for your record.

# GOWDY’S CLASS INFORMATION SHEET PERIOD \_\_\_\_\_

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(Last) (First) (Middle Initial) (Name known by)

Your age \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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(City) (Zip Code) (Home telephone #)

Student e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Home phone number |  |  |
| Cell phone number |  |  |
| Business phone number |  |  |
| Name of business |  |  |
| Best time to contact |  |  |
| E-mail address  *Please Print* |  |  |

Please e-mail me at [gowdym@gcsnc.com](mailto:gowdym@gcsnc.com) to ensure I have the correct address!

Do you need a calculator assigned to you for in class use? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Student Name (Please Print) Student Signature Date

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Parent Name (Please Print) Parent Signature Date

Please tell me something about yourself on the back.