



# Math 8

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## CURRICULUM

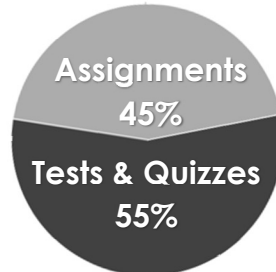
We will use the seventh grade Pre-Algebra text *Big Ideas Math Course 3: A Common Core Curriculum* and other supplementary materials.

Students are to leave their textbooks at home (do not bring it to school). Students can access the textbook online, tutorial videos, and other resources at [bigideasmath.com](http://bigideasmath.com)

## GRADING

Grades are based on:

- Homework
- Classwork
- Chapter Tests (100 pts)
- Quizzes (30 pts)



If a student shows all the necessary work and completes all their assignments before the chapter test they will get 4% of the test value as extra credit.

Grades are computerized, updated, and posted regularly on "Parent Portal". You or your child can check on their progress at any time by going to <https://portal.ovsd.org>.

## MATERIALS

### Required:

- Spiral notebook for math only
  - Replace if lost or paper runs out
- Pencils and eraser
- Binder Reminder

### Recommended:

- Basic calculator
- Graphing paper
- Dry erase markers
- Highlighter
- One portable USB mouse

The semester grade is based on the following scale:

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| <b>A</b> = 90%-100%  | <b>D</b> = 60%-69.9% |
| <b>B</b> = 80%-89.9% | <b>F</b> = Below 60% |
| <b>C</b> = 70%-79.9% |                      |

The best way to earn a good grade is to make sure you understand the material by doing all the math homework on time, asking questions in class, and quizzing yourself with class examples before the test.

## HOMWORK

The purpose of homework in math class is to practice, reinforce, and master the skill(s) that have been taught that day.

Students should expect one assignment per day, every night, that are due the following day (unless otherwise specified). It must be completed before the class period, otherwise it will be considered late.

Homework is to be done neatly in pencil (no ink pen) with each problem showing all work.

Online homework grading:

- 75% or higher: 10 points
- 50%-74%: 8 points
- Below 50% or no-work: not accepted and will be considered late.

## ABSENTEE POLICY

Absent work is work missed while absent from school, not from class or extra-curricular activities.

Work can be found through the Portal (<https://portal.ovsd.org>), referencing other classmates, and/or contacting the teacher via e-mail.

Work assigned prior to an absence is due on the day the student returns to class. After an absence, it is the students responsibility to make arrangements with the teacher for making up missed class assignments and/or tests.

## LATE WORK

Late work is considered late when it is not completed before class on the original due date.

Late assignments will receive a five (5) point deduction.

All late assignments must be turned in prior to the chapter test, otherwise they will be considered missing (worth 0 points).

Late or missing assignments will affect Work Habits grades.

## EXTRA CREDIT

There will be no extra credit assignments.

All students will automatically receive 4 points (+4%) for each Chapter Test, only if they completed all of their assignments for that chapter. It is entered as "Chapter Bonus" in the Tests category on the Gradebook Portal.

There is often a(n) extra credit question(s) on a quiz and/or test. Students will not lose points if they answer these bonus questions incorrectly.

## TEST RETAKES

Test retakes are available upon request for students who score below 80% and must be done prior to the next chapter test. If a student scores lower on the re-take, they will keep the higher test score. Maximum score on a re-take is 80%. Retakes are administered during lunch/afterschool only by appointment. No retakes for quizzes.