REGENTS GEOMETRY HANDBOOK

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MRS. ZELLNER

ROOM 335

**INTRODUCTION**

* Regents Geometry is a course that will conclude in June with a New York State Regents Exam.
* In order to receive credit for this course, students must have a minimum average of 65 when all four marking period grades and the final exam are averaged together.
* It is required that students pass three years of mathematics in order to graduate.
* If you pass the course, but do not have a final average of 80% or higher, you will be placed in Physical Math (for juniors) or Senior Math Topics (for seniors) the following year.
* If your final average is higher than an 80%, you will be placed in Algebra 2/Trigonometry the following year.
* In order to receive an Advanced Regents Diploma, you must pass the Regents exams in Integrated Algebra, Geometry and Algebra 2/Trigonometry.

**DAILY REQUIREMENTS**

* One three-ring binder (2” or thicker), with two dividers
* Notebook paper
* Black/Blue pens and pencil
* Red pen is optional for correcting daily homework assignments
* TI-83+ graphing calculator (TI-84 is also acceptable)
* Homework assignment from the previous class
* Straight-edge or ruler
* Compass
* Graph paper

**CALCULATORS**

* You must have a graphing calculator with you every day.
* It is expected that your calculator be on your desk during class in order to participate in the lesson.
* You may not use your cell phone as a calculator. I will take your phone if I see it out.
* You may not share someone else’s calculator. If you don’t have one with you, you do everything by hand.
* You should be using the same calculator each day. This helps to ensure that you are familiar with it when taking tests and exams.
* If you purchase a new TI-83+ calculator, you will be given bonus points for bringing in the UPC label from the package.

**TEXTBOOKS**

The textbook that will be issued to you should be taken home and left for the year. Your book is available online and if time remains in class to begin an assignment, I will display the assignment page on the Smart board. You will not be required to bring the book to class with you.

You can always access the book from home or any computer by going online. To do so, go to <http://www.glencoe.com/ose/> and use the following Access Code: BA19262D12

There are additional resources that are available online that do not require password. These may be accessed by going to <http://www.glencoe.com/sites/new_york/teacher/mathematics/index.html> (there is a \_between new and York).

**CLASSROOM RULES**

* Be on time. That means you are in the classroom and in your seat when the bell rings.
* Each student will pick up a bell work assignment upon entering the classroom. This is to be worked on when the bell rings to begin class.
* All talking is to cease when the bell rings at the beginning of class.
* Your homework should be on your desk and ready for me to check as soon as class begins. I should not have to remind you to take it out each day.
* Food and beverages are not allowed in the classroom. The exception to this is bottled water, which must be in a clear container.
* Passes to the lav/locker will be written only in an emergency.
* Students must have their agenda planners in order to be given a pass.
* If you are doing homework for another class during my class, I will take it from you and will not return it to you.
* Do not attempt to skip my class. You will get caught (I check attendance daily) and will receive my detention for the first offense. Any other offenses will be referred to your administrator. I will notify your parents of all illegal absences.

**CHEATING**

* Cheating will not be tolerated.
* Any student caught copying another student’s work will be given a zero. This means copying as little as one problem.
* The student who is allowing another student to use his/ her work will also be given a zero.
* I will notify your parents of any instances of cheating/ copying work.

**NOTEBOOKS**

* Notes will be given on a daily basis (approximately one page per day).
* You are expected to copy all notes given.
* You must have a **three-ring binder** so that all handouts can be securely placed in your notebook. **Spiral notebooks are not acceptable.**
* Your notebook must be separated into the following sections with TWO dividers labeled as follows:
	+ - * **NOTES/HOMEWORK/BELLWORK**
			* **TESTS/QUIZZES**
* All notes and homework assignments should be in chronological order.
* There should not be any loose papers in your notebook.

**PROGRESS REPORTS**

* You can access your grades anytime through the Parent Portal. I will update grades on a bi-weekly basis. At the 5 week point of each marking period, I will send home a progress report for every student.
* If at any time you have a question about a grade that is in the Parent Portal, please see me.

**ABSENCES**

* Good grades are a result of good attendance. I cannot teach you and you cannot learn if you are not in class.
* Any student who is absent from class is responsible for obtaining the notes and homework assignment for that day.
* Students are responsible for getting work missed due to absence from the missed work file in my classroom.
* If you are absent, you must turn in the homework that was due the day you missed and any homework that was assigned while you were absent.

**ABSENCES ON TEST/QUIZ DAYS**

* Students who are legally absent on the day of a test **will be expected to make up the test within 3 school days**. Exceptions will be made only in the case of extended absences due to illness.
* Students may make up a test/ quiz during any study hall or lunch period or after school.
* Failure to make up a test within 3 days will result in a test grade of zero.
* Any student who is illegally absent from class will receive a grade of zero on the homework assignment/test that was given that day. I will notify a parent/guardian of the illegal absence.

**FIELD TRIPS/FAMILY VACATIONS/MUSIC LESSONS/SUSPENSIONS**

* **Students participating in a school field trip, family vacation, or music lessons during the regular school day are responsible for getting all notes and homework from me prior to their absence.**
* This means you must allow time to copy the notes and have them explained to you before your absence. I will not do this during our regular class time.
* All materials must be submitted to me either before your absence or the first day upon your return to school. Failure to do so will result in a grade of zero for all assignments and the test for that unit.
* Any student with a study hall /lunch period during a time when I am teaching another geometry section is welcome to see me for a pass for that period so that they may see the lesson taught that he/she missed during regular class time.
* **If you are suspended from school, you are responsible for turning in all missed assignments and making up any tests immediately upon your return to class**.
* Work will be provided when it is requested. Any work not picked up will be a zero.
* It is your responsibility to learn the material if you are suspended. I do not re-teach topics because you have gotten into trouble and missed class.

**EXTRA HELP**

* If you do not understand something that is covered in class, please ask questions. If you still do not understand the material after asking questions and seeking help during class, you can arrange a time to see me outside of class for extra help.
* I am more than willing to meet with you after school by appointment. I do take into consideration those students who sought help consistently when computing averages.

**METHOD OF EVALUATION**

**QUIZZES:**

* Quizzes may or may not be announced.
* Quizzes will be based on the material learned in previous lessons.
* Each quiz is usually worth a total of 10 points.
* I will not drop any quiz grades.

**TESTS:**

* Tests will be given at the end of each unit.
* Tests will be announced well in advanced and will be given approximately every other week.
* Each test will contain sample Regents questions and will help to prepare you for the Geometry exam.
* If you are absent the day before a test, you will be given time during the test period to correct your review assignment. You will be expected to take the test the following day.
* I do not give make-up tests, nor will I drop the lowest test grade that you receive.

**HOMEWORK:**

* Homework will be given daily.
* All assignments will be checked/ collected. I do not grade homework, but rather check for completeness and that it has been corrected when I give the answers.
* Each homework will count as a 5 point assignment.
* **Any homework assignment not completed will be done during the activity period in room 335 from 2:40 – 2:50.**
* I will not hesitate to contact a parent/guardian if a student repeatedly fails to do homework.

**HOMEWORK CRITERIA FOR CREDIT**

* Each assignment should be done neatly and on a new piece of paper immediately following that day’s notes. The expectation to this would be worksheets. If space is available on the worksheet, you may do all work on the paper provided.
* This is how every assignment should be set up:

Your Name Date

Class Period Assignment

* Fold your paper in half vertically (down).
* Work down the left column, skipping lines between each problem.
* When you get to the end of a column, start at the top of the next one. If you run out of space, continue on the back of the paper.
* You must copy the original problem from your book onto your homework assignment. Exceptions are for word problems. For those, you simply must show all work.
* Be sure to read the directions that are given for each problem.
* Show all steps necessary to solve each problem.
* Put a box or a circle around the answer to each problem. Label your answers where appropriate.
* All graphs must be done on graph paper. (buy at store or print off computer)
* Draw all diagrams and shapes when appropriate.
* You must use a ruler for any questions using graph paper. Failure to use ruler will result in a homework grade of zero.
* Full credit will be given only if an assignment is complete and on time.
* If you fail to answer one problem, you will not receive credit. **You must at least try every problem**.
* If you do not show work for multiple-choice questions, you will not receive any credit. This means you are not simply allowed to circle an answer.
* Homework that is missed due to any absence must be turned in to me by the end of the week. I will be putting weekly homework grades into the Parent Portal.
* For each assignment that does not receive full credit, students will be required to fill out a homework excuse. This helps me to file the reasons why you are not receiving credit for your homework.

**BELL WORK:**

* Upon entering the classroom, students will pick up the bell work for the day. This work must be started as soon as the bell rings.
* Bell work will include review topics of geometry as well as basic skills necessary in math.
* It is possible that bell work is collected and graded as a quiz. Be sure to complete your bell work on a daily basis. Use your time wisely at the beginning of class.

**EXTRA CREDIT**

* Test corrections will be given for each test. These will be done following homework criteria for credit and will give you an opportunity to earn as many as 5 extra credit points for each unit.
* If you purchase a new TI-83+ calculator, you will be given bonus points for bringing in UPC label from the package.

Dear Parents,

 You have just finished reading the syllabus for my Regents Geometry class. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 807-3600. My voice mail extension is 1921. Please leave a daytime number where you can be reached. I may also be reached by district e-mail at rzellner@ntschools.org.

 I anticipate that you child will find success in mathematics this year. The key to doing well in my class and any class for that matter is to be present and complete the daily assignments. Students who do not come to school and do not do their homework assignments will fail my course. Please help your child to do well in class by requiring them to come to school and monitoring their daily homework assignments.

 I would like to thank you for taking time to read the syllabus for my course. I hope that, working together, we can make this year a positive learning experience for your child. If you would like to check your child’s progress at any point in the year, please do not hesitate to call me. The Parent Portal is also available for you to check your child’s grades at any time.

 Please sign the attached sheet and return it to school with your son/daughter immediately. Your signature this sheet will be counted as a quiz grade for your child.

 Sincerely,

 Mrs. Raedene Zellner

STUDENT NAME:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

CLASS PERIOD:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 September 2011

I have read the course syllabus for Regents Geometry and understand all

the requirements for the course.

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 Signature of Student

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 Signature of Parent/Guardian

Please provide a daytime phone number where I can reach you if needed.

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