

### **Course Description**

This course is designed a practical, applied mathematics course that will emphasize the skills students need to manage their personal finances and excel at their first jobs. Student will review and apply mathematical operations with whole numbers, decimals, fractions, ratios, and percent. They will understand terminology relating to personal and business mathematics applications. Students will use common mathematical formulas to solve a variety of personal and business mathematics as well as apply knowledge of computer and calculator use.

# **Classroom Materials**

Please bring the following materials with you to class each day:

- Writing utensil
- Notebook & folder or 3-ring binder
- Scientific or graphing calculator

#### **Classroom Expectations**

Responsibilities of students:

- Come to class on time, prepared, and ready to learn.
- Treat all people in the classroom with common courtesy and respect.
- Participate in class to the best of your ability.
- Maintain a personal standard of academic ethics.
- In no way participate or give the appearance of contributing to any cheating, copying, or plagiarizing.
- Communicate with their parents/guardians about their progress in the course.
- Attend class regularly.
- Follow all school rules as written in the Student Code of Conduct.

<u>Cell Phone Policy</u>: During class cell phones may be used for educational purposes as a part of the daily instruction. At all other times, cell phones should be out of sight.

### **Course Evaluation**

Students will be assessed in these four areas:

Daily Work	25 points
Notebook	10 points
Quiz	25 points
Test	40 points

<u>Daily Work Policy</u>: After each lesson, students will have 10-15 minutes of practice to do individually. The problems will assess the student's understanding of the objectives learned in class. Work will be checked daily for completeness. If the assignment is complete (all work is shown) they will receive a 100%. An assignment may be turned in one day late for 80%. Any students turning in an assignment 2 or more days late will receive a 0%.

<u>Notebook Policy</u>: Students are required to take notes during each lesson. Notes will include critical vocabulary and key examples that will help them have a better understanding of the lesson. At the end of each chapter, student notebooks will be graded. It is important to keep notes neat and organized.

<u>Quiz Policy</u>: Quizzes will be given on a regular basis. They may or may not be announced. Students must show all work to receive full credit.

<u>Test Policy</u>: Tests will be cumulative in nature and will be announced 2 – 3 days prior to being given. Test questions will be any combination of open response, short answer, or matching. Students must show all work to receive full credit.

<u>Citizenship</u>: A 25-point citizenship grade will be earned each grading period. Citizenship grades are based upon the classroom expectations of being responsible, respectable, reliable, and honest. If a student does not demonstrate good citizenship a one-point deduction will be taken for the following reasons:

- Late
- Unprepared
- Disrupting Class or Excessive Talking
- Cell Phone Present
- Profanity
- Sleeping or Head Down
- Not Working/Non-Compliant
- F = Food/Drink Present

# **Contact Information**

Please feel free to contact me by email at <u>ldieter@reynolds.k12.pa.us</u> if you have any questions or concerns.