

**JumpStart  
C207**

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### **The Gist**

Welcome to JumpStart! We'll collaborate, persevere, communicate well, and take care of each other as we become better at thinking abstractly.

### **Stuff You'll Need to Bring:**

- Something to write with and scratch paper to write on. The more colorful the better
- A calculator. You aren't allowed to use your phone calculator on tests and quizzes so something inexpensive and practical will do
- A 3 ring binder. There are handouts. They are hole punched. Binders make things easy.

**Grading:** Your grade is broken into 3 parts. Each part is scored differently.

#### **The Essentials (40%)**

**Based on:** Tests

**Scoring:** Pass/Fail

**Retakes:** until you pass

**Other:** You have 1 week after you don't pass a test until your grade drops by 40%

#### **The Connections (40%)**

**Based on:** Quizzes, projects, and presentations

**Scoring:** 1-4 scale (4 is great)

**Retakes:** One per Quiz. You keep the highest score in each category. You'll have to earn the retake with extra practice.

#### **The Goods (20%)**

**Based on:** class & home work

**Scoring:** Completion

**Retakes:** Nope

### **Late & Missed Assignments:**

Miss class? Check my website to see what homework assignment or documents you'll need to make up. Click "Calendar" to see what's going on each day. You can either follow the link on the high school website under the "staff" section (it's alphabetical so you'll need to scroll a bit to find my name) or type in this URL: **file://localhost/Users/brian.walters/Documents/index.html**.

I accept late work, but if you're turning in goods more than a week late you'll only get partial credit.

If you miss a test, quiz, or project, you'll need to come in outside of class to make it up. Which segways perfectly into...

### **When I'm Available**

After school, every day, in C200/C201 (it's the huge room 2 doors to the right of our classroom), until at least 4:00. I can come in before school, but you'll have to schedule that time with me in advance. There is math tutoring available in C200/C201 both lunches every day or extra help.

### **Class Expectations**

**Communication:** Each student is expected to cooperate with their table group. We discuss our thinking with them, help them out when they ask for it, and ask for help when we are confused. If you are asking me a question, I expect that everyone in the group has talked about that question

and can't come to an answer together. Today in class, we'll discuss how we should treat each other to help this happen best. We'll figure out the difference between collaborating and copying and we'll agree to the responsibilities that come with these rights.

Food: Okay as long as it isn't noisy, smelly, or otherwise distracting to others. This privilege will be revoked if cleanup is inconsistent. Everyone has the right to say "that food is bothering me" without consequence (including me). If you make a spill, it's on you to clean it up.

Cell Phones: I'm here to help you learn as much and as well as you can. When someone in my class is hurting their learning by texting, browsing facebook, etc. I'm letting that person down. I'm not comfortable banning phones immediately as they're great calculators and research tools. So, here's what we will do:

- 1) If you'd like to use your phone to help you do math better, ask my permission to use it for a specific purpose, then only use it for that purpose. Otherwise, I have to assume you're distracting yourself and others and that's not okay.
- 2) If you lack the self control to keep your phone from distracting you, I'll help by giving you the opportunity to place it in a safe box. If you decline to store your phone, you may keep it with you. In the hallway. Where we will talk. Let's avoid these talks for both our sakes.
- 3) I've had to revoke cell phone privileges for entire classes. Every class deserves a shot to show me that they have to self control over their cell phone use to not use them inappropriately in class.

On days when we are working efficiently, I'll squeeze in a 3 minute phone break time so we can make sure all is well in the world. This is something we will have to earn each day so let's work hard!

### **Remind**

Sign up and you'll receive reminders about what the homework is, what to study for, etc. Please only sign up for the period that you have with me:

Period 1: text the message **@3bc40** to the phone number **81010**

Period 2: text the message **@3bc403** to the phone number **81010**

I encourage parents to sign up as well so they can help stay on top of what's going on.

### **Accommodations**

I'm happy to honor academic accommodations that you have. If you need extra support or exceptions and don't have academic accommodations, PLEASE talk to me anyway. Life is complicated and things go wrong. Let's work together to make sure you're able to take care of the things that are more important than math class AND learn what you need to.

Keep bringing a supportive attitude and being thoughtful of others and this trimester will rock.