

# MRS. DEFEE'S CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS, POLICIES, & PROCEDURES

“ You get a new year, you get a new start, you get a new opportunity. ”

- Billy Butler

Show you are ready for class by doing these things **WITHOUT** being asked **BEFORE** the tardy bell rings:

1. Have pencils sharpened.
2. Have your materials for class out.
3. Be in your seat and quiet.
4. Begin working on your warm-up activity.

1. ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE.
2. BE SEATED QUIETLY IN YOUR SEAT AND READY TO BEGIN CLASS WHEN THE TARDY BELL RINGS.
3. RAISE YOUR HAND AND BE RECOGNIZED BEFORE SPEAKING.
4. BRING ALL MATERIALS TO CLASS EACH DAY.
5. BE RESPECTFUL TO EVERYONE.
6. STAY IN YOUR SEAT UNLESS YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO STAND.
7. TAKE CARE OF SUPPLIES USED IN CLASS.
- \* 8. KEEP THE CLASSROOM NEAT AND CLEAN. DO NOT BRING FOOD, DRINKS, CANDY, OR GUM.
9. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PRIMING (PUTTING ON MAKE-UP OR LOTION, COMBING HAIR, ETC.) DURING CLASS.
10. PLEASE USE MY POSSESSIONS ONLY WHEN GIVEN PERMISSION. ONLY WRITE ON THE BOARD IF YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION.
11. ALWAYS BE ATTENTIVE IN CLASS. SLEEPING IN CLASS IS UNACCEPTABLE IF YOU INTEND TO PASS.
12. WORK ONLY ON MATH IN THIS CLASSROOM, UNLESS GIVEN SPECIAL PERMISSION TO DO OTHERWISE.
- \* 13. KEEP YOUR MATERIALS ON YOUR DESK UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO PUT THEM AWAY. WE WILL WORK UNTIL THE BELL RINGS. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS "FREE TIME" IN THIS CLASS.
14. FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS ON ALL CLASS ACTIVITIES. TAKE ALL ASSIGNMENTS AND ACTIVITIES SERIOUSLY AND COMPLETE THEM TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY. IF YOU ARE ABSENT, ACTIVITIES YOU MISSED CAN USUALLY BE FOUND IN THE PURPLE BOXES BESIDE THE STUDENT COMPUTERS.
- \* 15. THERE IS TO BE NO USE OF CELL PHONES BY STUDENTS DURING MY CLASS UNLESS I HAVE DIRECTED YOU TO DO SO. IF I SEE YOU USING YOUR PHONE DURING CLASS WITHOUT MY PERMISSION, I WILL TAKE IT. THIS IS YOUR WARNING.
16. OBEY ALL OTHER RULES IN YOUR STUDENT HANDBOOK AND CODE OF CONDUCT.

## Class Supply List

1. PENCIL (PREFERABLY MECHANICAL)
2. 3-RING BINDER (NO SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS)
3. LOOSE LEAF PAPER
4. CALCULATOR FOR HOME (TI-36X PRO IS WHAT WE USE IN CLASS)
5. MARKERS OR COLORED PENCILS

## 8TH GRADE MATH UNITS

Unit 1: Rational & Irrational Numbers NS1, NS2  
 Unit 2: Properties of Exponents EE1, EE2  
 Unit 3: Scientific Notation EE3, EE4  
 Unit 4: Pythagorean Theorem G6, G7, G8  
 Unit 5: Solving Linear Equations EE7

Unit 6: Proportional Relationships & Graphs of Linear Equations EE5, EE6  
 Unit 7: Scatter Plots & Bivariate Data SP1, SP2, SP3

Unit 8: Functions F1, F2, F3  
 Unit 9: Modeling Functional Relationships F4, F5  
 Unit 10: Systems of Equations EE8  
 Unit 11: Geometric Transformations G1, G2, G3, G4  
 Unit 12: Angle Relationships & Parallel Lines G5  
 Unit 13: Volume of Cylinders, Cones, & Spheres G9  
 Unit 14: Two-Way Tables SP4



## Standards-Based Grading

All tests will include only mastery-level questions on the standards. In order to pass math, students must master at least 60% of the standards taught.

A student will earn mastery if at least 80% of the questions on a standard are correct.

A student will earn Partial Mastery if 60%-79% of the questions are correct.

At this level, students will first look back at their test to see if mistakes can be determined and corrections made without instruction. The standards that reach 80% or above after corrections will immediately be moved to level 3 and Mastery. If a student cannot determine mistakes and reach mastery on their own, re-teaching must and will take place. After re-teaching, students will be given retake opportunities to obtain mastery on the specific standards needed.

A student will earn No Mastery if 59% or below of questions are correct.

Students must and will receive re-teaching and retake opportunities will be given.

A student will earn No Mastery if no attempt is made on an assessment.

Teachers will work with students throughout the year to gain mastery of all standards possible.

## Remind

Parents/students text "@defee8th" to 81010 to join my REMIND group for 8th grade math and/or e-mail me at [mdefee@pikecountyschools.com](mailto:mdefee@pikecountyschools.com) if you have any questions throughout the year.

## Accelerated Math

Students will have the opportunity to work on Accelerated Math assignments at school and at home. There will be no grade assigned, but at the end of the first semester, students who have mastered at least 50 AM objectives will be rewarded with a pizza party. At the end of the school year there will be another party for those who have mastered at least 100 AM objectives. There will also be a list of AM leaders displayed all year for each class.

## Hall Passes

You will be allowed 6 hall passes for my class for each semester. You will use the passes in your Middle Matters binder.

I have read, & I understand what is expected of me in Mrs. Defee's classroom. I will do my very best to live up to the expectations she has set for me.

Student Signature

I have read, and I understand what is expected of my child in Mrs. Defee's classroom. I will do my best to see that he/she lives up to those expectations and is successful in math.

Parent/Guardian Signature & Phone #s