

August 22, 2016

Dear Griffin Middle School Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! I am very excited to get to know your child and to be able to share my passion for math with them. I believe that by us working together we can make this a very successful school year. I wanted to provide you with some information, so you know what the expectations are for your child in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math will introduce your child to basic principles of algebra and geometry. To gain a deeper understanding of these concepts, repetition and practice are essential. Therefore, homework will sometimes be assigned which may include practice questions online or on paper, taking notes online (called Flipped Lessons), or reviewing for tests or quizzes. Daily attendance is also important for your child to be successful, so they can receive peer and teacher support while learning these new skills.

The best resource to help you stay informed throughout the year will be my classroom website, [www.mshoskins.com](http://www.mshoskins.com). Here you can view my lesson plans, notes, video tutorials, homework, and other information. Another important website is the online textbook from Pearson. The textbook can be accessed from the LISD website by clicking on, Resources, Students, Learning Hub, and Pearson Realize. Students will use their login for the LISD network to log on to the textbook. We will frequently use the online practice, so your child is expected to bring their iPad to school charged daily. If they are having an issue with the iPad, they should still bring it to school for repairs. If your child is not participating in 1:X or is having their iPad repaired, they will have access to a classroom computer.

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I will return emails and messages within 24 hours. If you notice your child struggling with homework or assignments, I will be available for tutoring before and after school most days. A pass from me or a parent note will be required for students to attend morning tutorials and my availability will be posted on my website.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

Warm regards,

*Michelle Hoskins*

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Syllabus

**Mrs. Hoskins' 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Contract**

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

**STUDENTS:** Please initial each section in the space provided to indicate that you have read the information and understand what is expected of you.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade math textbook is online and homework assignments will also occasionally be assigned and submitted using this website.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if my nine weeks average is less than 70%, I will be required to attend tutorials for the following nine weeks.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand homework is not optional and failure to complete homework will result in a 30-minute detention the following day.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand it is important to be in class each day and it is my responsibility to make up any notes or assignments I miss while absent. I will have the same number of days to make up assignments that I was absent for.

\_\_\_\_\_ If I do not understand a concept, it is my responsibility to contact Mrs. Hoskins or to come to tutoring for help.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand there is a zero tolerance policy for cheating and I will not receive credit on any assignment that is not my own work. I will also not receive credit if I do not show the necessary steps to solve a problem.

\_\_\_\_\_ I promise to respect other students, Mrs. Hoskins, and Mrs. Hoskins' classroom at all times.

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS:** Please provide information for the best person to contact regarding this student.

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of contact:       Phone       Email

Please sign on the space provided at the bottom of this page signifying that you have read and understand all of the items outlined in this contract. **Please return by Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.**

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date