



# WELCOME TO MR. HICKMAN'S 2015-2016 STATISTICS CLASS!



I hope you are looking forward to an exciting year studying mathematics together! To help you adjust to this class, please read the following information and share it with your parents. If you ever have any questions, please ASK!

## **GRADING** This course is divided into categories: HWK, QUIZ, TEST, PARTICIPATION

TEST = 50% of grade, this includes Mid-Quarter exam worth two test grades, and Quarter Exam worth two test grades

Mid-Quarter Exam can be used to replace lowest test score prior to Mid-Quarter Exam

Quarter Exam can be used to replace lowest test score after Mid-Quarter Exam

QUIZ = 30% of grade, these will take a variety of forms and will be weighted based on complexity and length

HWK = 15% of grade, these may be paired with a comprehension check to ensure that homework reflects mastery of skills

PARTICIPATION = 5% of grade, this grade will reflect the effort put forth by student both in the class, and outside of the class.

This participation grade will be connected to student participation in individual, group, and class performance, as well as test and quiz averages and homework averages.



## **HOMEWORK** is **REQUIRED** and assigned almost every day. It should be kept in your notebook!

Homework is only considered finished when you have:

- 1) **Completed** the assignment neatly.
- 2) **Returned to Mr. Hickman on Friday of each week.** (spot checks will be done randomly as well)
- 3) **Arranged in order by date with coversheet completed by student.**  
(This should be completed BEFORE class on Friday)

You are **REQUIRED TO SHOW ALL of YOUR OWN WORK!** **NO WORK = NO CREDIT = NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Your homework grade is determined by several things including homework checks and homework problems (done in or out of class). Worked out solutions are available in class and if you would like a pdf of the worked out solutions, please provide your email address (on your 0.0 quiz) and, where possible, I will email them to you, as well as posted on Mr. Hickman's webpage.

## **EFFORT GRADES** are earned daily. Typically, you can earn one point or two points a day. To earn your points, you must be prepared for



class with all the proper materials (textbook, paper, pencils, assignment, notebook), on task throughout class, work cooperatively with your group, participate in class and complete all assigned work. If you are absent, to earn your effort point(s), you must show me that you have completed the work from that day (including notes, homework and any other activities completed in class). If you have not completed this in the given make-up work time, your point(s) will be lost.

**ASSIGNMENTS** and activities for the week are posted next to the door, posted on our class website and emailed home if you have given me your email address. If you are absent, **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to check the assignments and make sure you have mastered the material you missed. Late assignments are NOT accepted! In the event of an *excused* absence, you are allowed two days for every day of school missed to complete work. Unexcused absences are allowed one day to make up work. All make-up work must be completed by the conclusion of the grading period.

**BEING ORGANIZED** is important for your success. You are required to keep an organized and up to date algebra notebook and bring it with you to class each day:

- ✦ **Homework** (Completed? Checked with a different color than your homework was completed in? Corrected?  
Is all of **your own work** to justify answer(s) shown? Shows evidence of correction? Organized by date?)
- ✦ **Quizzes, Tests MID-Quarter Exams, and Quarter Exams** (Organized by date? Corrected?)
- ✦ **Notes** (Dated? Easy to read? Examples, notes and goals for each day included?)
- ✦ **Labs/Activities/Foldits** (Complete and organized by date?)



**CALCULATORS?** You are required to bring your scientific, fraction capable calculator to class EVERY day. I will instruct you *if and when* it may be used. Per school policy, cell phone calculators are not acceptable during class. You are NOT required to have a graphing calculator. When you need one in class, you will be provided with one. If you choose to purchase one, our math department suggests the TI-84 or TI-Nspire.

**GRADE POSTING:** Your grades are tracked and averaged using the District's Skyward program. Your family needs to have Skyward Family Access so you can see your most up to date grades. PLEASE frequently check your grades to make sure they have been accurately recorded.



## Expectations & Rules

1. **TRY YOUR BEST** at HOME and IN CLASS!
2. ASK for help when you need it! (I will bend over backwards to help you, but I have to know if and when you want or need help! Unfortunately, I am not good at "reading minds".)
3. Work WITH your classmates!
4. Rest at home. You are expected to be an active and engaged member of class. No form of inactive or prone position is acceptable in class.
5. You will be given your seats and groups in a manner determined by Mr. Hickman.
6. Mr. Hickman dismisses class at the end of the hour not the bell.
7. Students that leave class must log in and out on clipboard so that a student can be found at any time and planner abuses are minimized
8. Please refrain from drawing on desks, chairs, walls, and/or class whiteboards, etc.
9. Use whiteboards, graphing calculators etc. for a mathematical purpose. Use materials for stated educational tasks, not art projects, doodling, etc.
10. Learn to use the graphing calculator features in class. Mr. Hickman will assign a user name and allow the student to pick a three digit password or number. (use 123 if you are lazy) Be patient and flexible with the TI Nspire navigator system and calculators. Technology is helpful and frustrating at times so be aware. Help each other out with this technology.
11. Cell Phones, Headphones, Tablets, Laptops, Smartwatches, etc. are not allowed in class they provide students too much temptation to avoid instruction and/or practice. Mr. Hickman has seen a wide variety of techniques to hide/sneak access to these devices, so do not build barriers, stare at your lap, have hands in bag/purse., etc. Your choice of attire does not give you permission to have any of these devices visible for any reason. Failure to comply with the OFF AND OUT OF SIGHT electronic policies will result in the loss of effort points, conferences, parent contact, and/or referrals
12. When using materials in class one person from a group should get the materials to ensure the number of people moving in the room is kept at a minimum. This responsibility should rotate between group members, no one is anyone's personal assistant/servant/slave especially Mr. Hickman.
13. The class is responsible for returning materials to their designated areas, failure to do so will slow dismissal from class
14. It is expected that the focus of our mathematics class is mathematics. Do not work on other materials in class!
15. If you have a vision, attention, or hearing issue that requires a seat towards the front of the room let me know and I will try my best to accommodate your requests.
16. Come to class PREPARED! (You should have your pencils, book, notebook, homework, paper and a scientific calculator every day! You will NOT be allowed to return to your locker!) If Mr. Hickman loans materials to a student that student must complete documentation form on clipboard. Habitual lack of materials will reduce effort points and lead to conferences.
17. NO WORK = NO CREDIT **If you use a calculator, you must still show your work! If you use the worked-out solutions as a guide, you must still show YOUR WORK, not just copy worked-out solutions.**
18. NO NAME = NO GRADE
19. We will begin class as soon as the bell rings. This means that *in order to avoid a tardy, you must be in your seat with only math supplies on your desk when the bell rings.*
20. If you would like to discuss your grade, please arrange a time with me either before or after school.
21. If you are absent, you have two days for every day you are absent to either make-up the work or schedule a time to make-up the work. If you are absent on the day of a quiz, test or homework check, you will be expected to take it on the day you return and you may be given an alternative assessment. Failure to make up or schedule an exam on the day you return will result in a 25% penalty for each missed time. If you miss the day before a test or quiz, please notify me at the beginning of class *on the day you return* so arrangements can be made for you to take the quiz or test. Until you complete an assessment or assignment, your grade will be recorded as zero.
22. Food, gum, candy and drinks are not allowed in class. You are encouraged to bring *plain bottled water* to class Mr. Hickman is gracious enough to have a water dispenser in class. Get a reusable container for water! Mr. Hickman will not necessary provide cups.
23. If you are absent the day you have a conference, you will be expected to make-up this conference on the day you return.
24. Remember the ways to earn conferences and AVOID THEM: sleep or not participate in class, come with no book/supplies, be disrespectful, or come to class with incomplete or no homework, no planner etc.
25. Always remember that **YOU** are a very important part of this class! Mathematics is not only the study of our universe's beautiful and fascinating structures and patterns but also *a tool necessary for your future success*. It can be an open door to many wonderful experiences and careers or a closed door preventing you from accomplishing your dreams. **The choice is yours.**



Let's have a GREAT year!  
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**REMEMBER:**  
More than 5 Unexcused Absences = Fail Quarter  
More than 10 Unexcused Absences = Fail Semester