

**Ms. Helgesen's Course Information**  
**Geometry**  
**2013-2014**

**Classroom Expectations**

1. Mathematics is sequential, so your attendance is important to your success.
2. Be on time. Class starts when the bell rings.
  - a. Tardy Policy
    - i. If a tardy occurs you will:
      1. Enter quietly
      2. Sign/date the clipboard by the door
      3. Go directly to your seat
      4. Lose one *Geo-Ticket* (these are counted as  $\frac{1}{2}$  an extra credit point each on your final exam)
    - ii. When all of your *Geo-Tickets* are gone, each tardy will result in a 15 minute detention to be served by the end of the following school day.
    - iii. Excessive tardiness--Written referrals and contact home
3. Bring your class materials everyday.
  - a. textbook
  - b. 3-ring binder with loose leaf paper
  - c. pencil
  - d. ruler
  - e. compass
  - f. protractor
  - g. non-graphing scientific calculator
    - i. I do **NOT** provide calculators.
    - ii. PHONES or IPODS are **NOT** to be used as calculators.
    - iii. graphing calculators are **NOT** allowed on tests
    - iv. calculators that break down square roots and give you a square root answer on the screen are also **NOT** allowed on tests
4. Locker and bathroom passes are **NOT** an issue; your *Geo-Tickets* will be used.
5. Appropriate behavior is expected at all times.
  - a. **No** Ipods and **No** Phones during my time.
    - i. You may ask permission to use them during your time.
    - ii. Electronics must be placed upside down on front of desk during tests/ quizzes so teacher can see them at all times.
  - b. Be respectful of others.
  - c. When I am talking, I would appreciate your attention.
  - d. Your School ID **MUST** be on you.

## Homework

- 20% of your total grade.
- Collected on a random basis.
- You have two days to make up any late work from the day of your absence.
  - Pending certain circumstances when this may be impossible, an agreement may be made with the teacher.
- MUST** be done in **pencil**.
- Work **NEEDS** to be shown for credit; **NO WORK SHOWN = NO CREDIT GIVEN**
- Proper heading needed:
  - Name, page number and problems assigned
- Graded per attached rubric
  - Over four days late results in a score of zero
- Stuck?** or **Need Help?**
  - Math Resource Center, room 2105 (every hour except 2nd)
  - Visions room, upstairs
  - My office, room 2650 (hour 4, hour 7, before or after school)

## Online Resources

- Textbook
  - [www.classzone.com](http://www.classzone.com) Code: 4128356-20 ( Link to Geometry 1 Concepts and Skills 2010 book)
- Class Website
  - [www.mshelgesen.pbworks.com](http://www.mshelgesen.pbworks.com)
- Geogebra
  - <http://geogebra.org/mshelgesen>

## Tests and Quizzes

- There will be one test for each chapter and *at least* one quiz.
- If you have **NO** tardies at the end of the semester, I will drop one QUIZ grade.
- If you miss the review day for the test/quiz, **YOU WILL STILL** be responsible to take the test/quiz with the class.
- If you miss the day of the test/quiz you must make it up within 1 week of your return
  - In the Math Resource Center
  - With the teacher hour 4, hour 7, before or after school.
- We will have tests in which calculators are **NOT** allowed.
- There will be portions of tests/quizzes that will be technology driven (ex. Geogebra).

## Grades (School Policy)

A 93-100  
B 85-92  
C 77-84  
D 70-76  
F 69 and below

## Percentages of Total Grade

20% homework  
20% quizzes  
40% tests  
20% semester exam

**\*\*Extra credit** may or may not be assigned. It is NOT given to specific individuals just to raise their grade at semester.

**A message to the Parent/Guardian (Please keep at home).**

Here are some ways that you can aid in making sure the semester is as successful as possible:

1. Encourage your student to get help from me or another teacher at the FIRST sign of trouble.
2. Encourage your student to go to the Math Resource Center
3. Encourage your student to use the class website: [www.mshelgesen.pbworks.org](http://www.mshelgesen.pbworks.org)
4. Attend parent/teacher conferences
5. Contact me at school 492-2650 x42650 with any concerns you have
  - a. I may not receive your message if you use the school voicemail
  - b. Instead, please have the secretary take a message and leave it in my mailbox
6. Email me at [mnhelgesen@gbaps.org](mailto:mnhelgesen@gbaps.org)

Supplies Needed:

- textbook
- 3-ring binder with loose leaf paper
- pencil
- ruler
- compass
- protractor
- non-graphing scientific calculator

For one extra credit point, have your parents/guardians read the course expectations and sign below. Bring this sheet to class by September 6, 2013.

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Geometry:

I/We \_\_\_\_\_, the parent/guardian of

\_\_\_\_\_ (student) have read the expectations of my/our child's math course. We also certify that our child has successfully completed the prerequisite for this course which is Algebra One (FULL YEAR).

Print Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian(s) Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian(s) Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Homework Grade Rubric

4 pts

- ALL problems complete and correct
- ALL work shown (diagrams/drawings when needed)
- Completed on due date
- Neat, orderly, and in **pencil**

3pts

- 1-2 missing problems, or
- Minor work is missing, or
- Meets requirements for a 4pt assignment, but *one day late*
- Neat, orderly, and in **pencil**

2pts

- 3-4 missing problems, or
- Moderate work is missing, or
- Meets requirements for a 4pt assignment, but MORE than *one day late*
- Neat, orderly, and in **pencil**

1pt

- 5-6 missing problems, or
- Significant work missing, or
- Does NOT meet requirements for a 4pt assignment and MORE than *one day late*

0pts

- NO work shown
- MORE than *four days late*
- MORE than 6 missing problems

\*\* If a problem was given significant effort, but you got the problem wrong, you will only be deducted 1/10 (.1) of a point

\*\*Back of the book is a great resource! Check your answers with the back of the book to see how you are doing, but do **NOT** copy an answer without work shown and expect credit for it!

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

These four *GEO-TICKETS* can be used to go to the bathroom, your locker, or if you are late, you will forfeit one.

If you have not used them at exam time, they are 1/2 an extra credit point each for your final exam! BE SMART about NOT using them!

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**Extra Points Earned:**

I understand that if I use all of my GEO-TICKETS, and I want to go the bathroom, my locker, or I am late, I will forfeit any extra credit points I have earned by doing bonus work.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_