

6th Grade Math Syllabus

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Conferences are available by appointment. The best way for parents to reach me is by email.

My Website: <http://zimmerclass.weebly.com/>

Tutoring Hours: Tuesday: 7:10 - 7:40 a.m.

Thursday: 2:50 - 3:30 p.m.

Required Materials: Students will need to bring the following materials to class EVERYDAY

- Spiral Notebook
- $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1 inch 3 ring binder (to be used only for Math Course 1)
- Pencils with erasers (Remember these need to be replenished throughout the year)
- Black dry erase markers (colored markers do not erase as well)
- Correcting Pen (Any color except blue or black)
- Glue sticks

Optional Materials: For classroom use

- Box of Tissue
- Hand sanitizer
- Sanitizing wipes

Course Description: The curriculum for this course aligns with the Michigan 6th Grade Standards for Mathematics, which may be viewed on the Michigan Department of Education website.

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/K-12_MI_Math_Standards_REV_470033_7_550413_7.pdf

WCS middle schools use **Illustrative Mathematics**, a problem-based core mathematics curriculum for grades 6-8 that develops students' mathematical thinking skills through questioning, discussion, and real-world contexts and connections.



All course materials can be found online at the links below:

For Students - Lessons, tasks and practice problems

<https://im.kendallhunt.com/MS/students/1/index.html>

For Parents - An explanation of the math instruction and learning goals for each unit

<https://im.kendallhunt.com/MS/families/1/index.html>

Parent Portal: A student's progress may be checked at any time through parent portal.

Login <https://ps.wcs.misd.net/public/>

Questions - <http://www.wcskids.net/ParentPortal/>

Grades: At Beer Middle School assessments (tests, quizzes, projects, etc.) determine 80% of final grades. Practice/Homework makes up the remaining 20% of final grades.

Grading Scale:

A+ 98+	B+ 89-87	C+ 79-77	D+ 69-67	E 59-50
A 97-93	B 86-83	C 76-73	D 66-63	F 49-0
A- 92-90	B- 82-80	C- 72-70	D- 62-60	

Redo and Retake: Students are encouraged to redo/retake assessments on which they performed below their level of mastery (excluding Midterm and Final Exams and District, and State Assessments). In order to be eligible to schedule a redo/retake time a student must complete the following tasks:

- Ensure all assignments for the unit of study are turned in.
- Meet with the teacher to establish criteria to be eligible for redo/retake.
- Submit a retake form signed by both the student and parent.
- Complete the redo/retake form and associated tasks.

(A student's opportunity to redo/retake an assessment is always subject to teacher discretion.)

Conduct Grade: This grade is an evaluation of a student's behavior in class. Warren Consolidated Schools uses the following scale:

O Outstanding S Satisfactory N Needs Improvement

Classroom Conduct Guidelines: Students' conduct grades are based on the following classroom rules:

1. I arrived on time for class. (Prompt)
2. I brought required materials (includes homework) to class. (Prepared)
3. I was respectful to the teacher, peers & the learning process. (Polite)

Homework Policy:

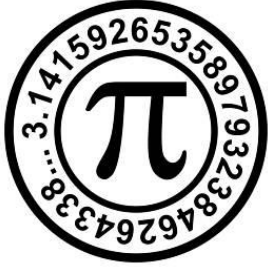
- *Practice work* - In general students will have time to begin assignments in class. If students do not finish their work in class, it must be completed as homework. All practice work will be due the following class period.
- *Late work* - Practice assignments may be turned in late. They will be accepted until the work is corrected in class or the day before a given quiz or test. Late work may be marked down.
- *Absent work* - Students have 2 days for each day absent to make up their work.

It is the student's responsibility to obtain missing notes or assignments.

Plagiarism/Academic Integrity: Academic integrity is expected on all assignments. Plagiarism is defined as presenting the work of another as one's own. Cheating on an assignment or assessment is another activity that violates ethics and school rules. Any work that exhibits cheating/plagiarism will result in a zero and parental notification. Additional disciplinary action may be taken.

Videos: On occasion, we will watch video clips, or movies that help enhance our curriculum. Sometimes these videos come from PG-13 sources. If you are uncomfortable with this, check the box on the bottom of the signature page, indicating that you do not want your child viewing these videos. Alternative assignments will be provided.

* Please return this page to Mrs. Zimmer by **Monday, September 9th** *



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I have read and understand the guidelines and policies for Ms. Zimmer's 6th Grade Math Course.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Communicating between parent and teacher by phone call is sometimes difficult. Teachers cannot answer the phone while students are in the room and parents are often at work when teachers try to call. Email is by far the easiest for teachers. If parents do not have access to email, it is possible to use the remind system to text.

Parent Email: _____

(Please print very carefully. Computers are picky)

Parent: Cell Phone: _____

Any notes about your student or information that would make communication easier please write below.

I would like my students excused from any PG - 13 videos

Below is a reprint of Beer Middle School's Cell Phone Policy.

Cell Phones and Electronic Communication Devices in WCS Middle Schools



- Cell Phones and/or ECD's **must be kept in lockers** and may **NOT** be used during the school day. Students are responsible for keeping their lockers locked and for not sharing their locker combinations with anyone.
- Picture/Video taking is Strictly Prohibited. Any ECD used for these purposes will result in confiscation of the device.
- Using an ECD in an unauthorized manner or in violation of District policy may result in disciplinary action, depending on the nature of the prohibited activity and/or whether it is a repeat offense for that student.
 - **First Offense** – ECD is taken and a parent/guardian may pick up the ECD by appointment, before or after school. Phone will not be returned to students.
 - **Second Offense** – ECD is taken and a parent/guardian may pick up the ECD by appointment, before or after school. The student will be assigned detention for “Insubordination.”
 - **Subsequent Offenses** – ECD is taken and a parent/guardian may pick up the ECD by appointment, before or after school. The student will be suspended for “Insubordination.”
- Use of an ECD capable of transmitting pictures within a locker room or changing area are grounds for expulsion and legal repercussions.
- The District’s complete Electronic Communication Devices Policy may be viewed at www.wcskids.net.