

September 13 2016

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to Math Models! I realize that this seems a really late date to receive an information letter but your students and I are both new to each other. I am looking forward to working with you to make this school year productive. My philosophy is that every student has a right to learn in a pleasant atmosphere free from distraction. To fulfill this goal, I have set forth classroom guidelines to assist us toward an optimal learning environment. These guidelines are attached; please read them carefully and keep them in a handy place.

Since we will learn a new topic each day, it is very important that the student complete each assignment to be ready to go on to the next. Homework will be checked daily and late work will be penalized. **Math models is a strenuous course that will demand much time and attention for you to be successful!** Please commit yourself now to do all work assigned and pace it appropriately. **MATH is not a spectator sport!**

A graphing calculator such as the TI-84 version is recommended for this course and all following mathematic courses at Ball High School. Although a classroom set will be available for use during school hours, purchasing your own for homework would be advisable. Do **NOT** purchase a TI-89 as it will not be allowed in this class. In addition, **notebook paper, one-inch binder, and pencil should be brought to class daily**. All work must be completed and kept in a three-ring binder.

Parents, my conference period is 2nd period. I am free to return calls at that time. You may call the school and leave a message for me to call you. However, I **prefer** to be contacted by email. My email address is cherylvowell@gisd.org. I will contact you back as soon as possible. I truly appreciate communicating with concerned parents!

**Tutoring is available every morning before school (7:15-7:45am) except Wednesdays, if needed. I also try to tutor every day after school except Wednesday and Fridays.

Please sign and return the last page of this lengthy but, I hope, informative packet. So that you will have this information at your disposal, I will return it to you after I have recorded your grade for this assignment. It will be due by Friday, August 26, at the beginning of class. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Math Models with Applications

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Materials:

- 3-ring binder or folder*
- Notebook paper
- #2 pencils
- Scientific or graphing calculator (optional)

Procedures:

- Be inside the classroom when the tardy bell rings
- Bring materials to class every day and have them ready to go at the beginning of class
- If you forgot any supplies, you can borrow them from the resource area and return them
- Make sure you take your restroom break before class not during class
- If you need anything during class, please ask permission

Rules:

- During instruction time, only speak when you are given permission
- If it is not yours, don't touch it. If it is yours, take care of it
- Do not eat or drink in class
- Do not use profanity in class
- Follow the school dress code
- Do not take out any form of electronic devices, including cell phones or ipods

Please fill out and return.

Student's Name (please print) _____

Parent's Name (please print) _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Parent's Contact information:

Email: _____

Phone: _____