



Sinaloa Middle School
A California School To Watch
A California Gold Ribbon School
2017-2018



COURSE TITLE: Geometry

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1. Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! My name is Cynthia Visage, and I am excited to begin my 9th year of teaching mathematics at Sinaloa Middle School. I was born and raised in Simi Valley, and I am an alumni of both Sinaloa and Royal High School. I received a bachelor's degree from Cal State Northridge and my teaching credential and master's degree from Cal Lutheran University. I have two sons, who attend Hollow Hills elementary, and a daughter, who just started preschool. I love spending time with my family, staying active, and being outdoors. I look forward to a wonderful year with your student and hope to help them grow as successful mathematicians.

2. Course Standards/Objectives

Educational standards describe what students should know and be able to do in each subject in each grade. In California, the State Board of Education decides on the standards for all students, from kindergarten through high school. Information regarding specific standards can be found at www.cde.ca.gov

This is an advanced-level course, designed to prepare you for the rigors of other high school level mathematics.

3. Classroom Rules and Student Responsibilities

- ◆ Sinaloa's SABER CODE is the foundation for behavior expectancies on our campus. This Code, along with our standards for citizenship/work habits grades, the school tardy policy, and the school discipline policies, are included in the Agenda book which can be found online at sinaloa.simivalleyusd.org

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Students are expected to follow the following rules:

1. **Respect** others and their property.
2. **Be Prepared** – bring all needed materials to class
3. **Arrive on Time** – be seated and ready to begin when the bell rings.
4. **Talk at appropriate times** and use appropriate language.
5. **Obey all School Rules.**

Students that do not follow school or classroom rules may have citizenship points deducted, and/or receive a detention, and/or may be sent to the office. Students that show classroom success may be given tickets that will be put in a weekly raffle. Late work can be turned in before or by the chapter test date it belongs to. Late work can only earn up to 50% credit. Students may take advantage of one retake per assessment; but must complete an assessment correction, come in on their own time to retake, and retake before the grading period ends. The assessment's final grade will consist of averaging the original assessment and the retake.

Plagiarizing and academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. This means no work may be copied in whole or in part from other students or from other printed materials. Students who are caught plagiarizing or cheating will receive an automatic zero on the assignment, quiz, or test; in addition to a referral to the school counselor and a parent contact. Sinaloa's full policy on academic dishonesty can be found in the agenda book.

It is the student's responsibility to be prepared for class each day. Suggested materials to bring to class are Geometry text book, lined and graph paper, agenda book, pencils, scientific calculator, grading pen/marker, highlighter, dry erase marker and eraser. Optional materials include compass, protractor, ruler, and colored pencils. If you are unable to get materials, please see the teacher so together a plan can be put into place to ensure students are prepared for class each and every day!

Students are responsible for their own learning and behavior. Students should use their agenda book daily to keep track of their assignments. Students are responsible for making up assignments that were missed due to tardies or absences.

4. Grading Policy:

The student's degree of mastery of the California Academic Standards is the critical element in determining the letter grade in this class. Your student will demonstrate mastery in this class by the following rubrics:

- A** 90-100%
- B** 80-89%
- C** 70-79%
- D** 60-69%
- F** below a 60%

Student's grades will be weighted based on the following breakdown:

- Tests 45%
- Quizzes 30%
- Class work 15%
- Homework 10%

A student's effort grade will be calculated by averaging their homework and class work grades each quarter. Citizenship grades will be determined by a student's classroom behavior and participation. The following rubric is used for effort and citizenship:

- O** 90-100%
- S** 70-89%
- N** 60-69%
- U** below a 60%

Students and parents can find important information [assignments, upcoming assessment dates, and grades (updated in a timely matter)] on the Aries website and my google calendar at <http://tinyurl.com/smsgeovisage>. Students and parents can also access their text book online and other great resources at www.my.hrw.com.

Tardy and Absence Policies

- **School Tardy Policy:** On-time arrival at every class is a component of school citizenship (see the Agenda Book). More than 3 tardies to class each quarter will result in an "N" (Needs Improvement) citizenship grade. More than 4 tardies to class will result in a "U" (Unsatisfactory) grade in Citizenship.
- **Classroom Absence Policy:** Students are responsible to make-up any work missed due to absences. Students can find what assignments they missed in the absent folder in class. Homework assignments will also be posted on Aries. Absent work must be turned in by the number of days the student was absent for full credit. (For example if a student is absent for 3 days, they would have 3 days starting the day they return to turn in the assignments missed.)