

Who should take this class?

Geometry

- Successfully completed Algebra 1 with a C- or better

Honors Geometry

- Successful completion of Honors Algebra 1 with B or better or Algebra 1 with an A
- Students MOTIVATED TO BE CHALLENGED
 - Genuinely interested in learning math
 - Ready to extend themselves beyond their comfort zone
 - Persistent – unwilling to give up
- Students with GREAT WORK ETHIC
 - Students with DISCIPLINED WORK HABITS
 - Students that are PROACTIVE when help is needed
 - Can handle the nature of a cumulative course
- Students with TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS

Work Ethic

Geometry

- Students should have disciplined study habits
 - Complete all assignments on time
 - Check all assignments and assessment for accuracy – get extra practice if incorrect
 - Seek help in advance to due dates and assessments
 - Motivated to work through difficult problems
 - Studies in advance to tests/quizzes

Honors Geometry

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Background Knowledge

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- Basic Algebra I skills are required, especially basic equation-solving abilities
- Time permitted, some concepts may be reviewed as needed

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- Thorough knowledge of Algebra I is expected in advance and is used throughout the course
- An aptitude for applying previous knowledge to new concepts.

Calendar & Pacing

Geometry

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- 1st Quarter
- **Unit 1: Tools of Geometry**
 - The students will gain the foundational understanding of geometric vocabulary, formulas, and notations.
- **Unit 2: Reasoning and Proof**
 - The students will apply rules of logic to determine validity of logical statements and arguments..
- **Honors Topics: Evaluate truth tables and solve problems with three sets using Venn Diagrams.**
- **Unit 3: Parallel and Perpendicular Lines**
 - The students will understand the relationships of angles formed by perpendicular lines and parallel lines cut by a transversal.
- **Honors Topics: Write a formal geometric proof including algebraic, coordinate, and deductive proofs.**

Lesson Structure & Expectations

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- Detailed lessons correspond directly to homework assignments and assessments
- Students are expected to take detailed notes and use them to complete homework and prepare for assessments
- Students are guided to make connections between concepts
- Memory retention of accumulated concepts and skills is crucial to the student's success

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- A teacher will guide students through the new concepts but will not present 100% of the material in class
 - Students are expected to take detailed notes and read their textbook. Students are expected to make connections without explicit details in class.
- In order to be able to supplement the class instruction, each student is expected to:
 - have a well developed mathematical vocabulary to be able to study from the textbook
 - be able to work independently and in small groups.
 - be able to make connections and conjectures based on prior knowledge
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Homework

Geometry

- Practice, practice, practice
 - Practice makes perfect!
- Similar to the lesson
 - Class notes will be needed to complete homework assignments accurately
- Similar to assessments
 - Practice and repetition from the homework will prepare the student for assessments
- Spend about 30 min every night completing homework or reviewing course material

Honors Geometry

- Practice, practice, practice
 - Practice makes perfect!
- Students will need to use their class notes and textbook to complete homework assignments accurately
- Spend **at least** 45min every night completing homework **and** reviewing course material

Assessment

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- Some assessments are CUMULATIVE
- Similar to class notes
- Similar to homework
- Background knowledge from Algebra required

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- All assessments are CUMULATIVE
- Similar to class notes
- Similar to homework
- Background knowledge from Algebra required
- Connections between concepts included on assessments
- “Think on your feet” questions included in assessments.