**Materials:**

* **Pencils** – mistakes are a natural part of learning, you will want to be able to erase
* **Pen** – for checking papers
* **Big Eraser(s)** – sometimes you will need to do a lot of erasing ☺
* **Notebook/Lined Paper** – as an option for notes and/or homework
* **Folder or 3-Ring Binder** – to keep your notes and/or homework organized
* **Calculator** – Scientific, TI-83, TI-84 (nothing higher than TI-84 Plus), most Casio models, Free GraCalc, other free calculator apps
  + A classroom set of TI-84 Plus calculators will be available during class, due to the high cost of these calculators, you will be required to present your calculator permit when using a classroom calculator

**Grading:**

Grades will be calculated as follows:

Tests – 50%

Quizzes – 25%

Homework – 15%

Quarter Assessments – 10%

**Homework:** Homework will be given throughout the course at the teacher’s discretion. Also included in this grading category are: Essential Vocab Quizzes, Homework Quizzes, Extra Credit (when available), In-Class Application Activities.

**Quizzes:** Quizzes will be given at varying points throughout a chapter. If a student is not in class the day a quiz is given, the quiz either needs to be made up before the day of the quiz or it will be made up upon the immediate return of the student to class. Also included in this grading category are: NeSA Quizzes.

**Tests:** Tests will be administered at the end of each chapter. If a student is not in class the day a test is given, the test either needs to be made up before the day of the test or it will be made up upon the immediate return of the student to class. Also included in this grading category are: Vocab Tests.

**Quarter Assessments:** An assessment of all material covered each quarter will be given at the end of each quarter. These assessments may be cumulative and include materials covered in other quarters at the teacher’s discretion.

**Participation:** Participation in lectures, discussions, and in-class activities is encouraged and expected.

**Extra Credit:** Extra credit may be made available to students in various methods at the teacher’s discretion. Extra credit will not be given to an individual student for the sole purpose of raising the individual student’s grade.

**Questions/Help**

I am always available before school and during class time to answer questions. I am unavailable after school during Track season as I coach immediately after school. I generally try to be here between 7:30 and 7:40 if you have any questions. I do ask that you attempt a problem before asking for help. This allows me to see where you went wrong and correct the error. “Many of life’s failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.” -Thomas Edison

**State Standard Testing:**

All Juniors will be expected to take the Nebraska State Accountability (NESA) Mathematics Test regardless of what math class they are enrolled in their Junior year. The NESA Math test is administered in a testing window that generally falls in April. Class time will be used to review for and take the test. Results will not be reported to the student or school immediately, but will be reported after the testing window has closed and results have been compiled. Individual results will be sent to parents from the Nebraska Department of Education.

**Additional Resources:**

If you need to contact me, my home phone number is 285-3230.

I do have a class website containing class information including due dates, test and quiz dates, notes from the day’s lecture, homework assignments, and more. The website can be found at mrsapplegarth.weebly.com.

Our book publisher has a website with various resources, including an online version of our textbook (access code 6010692-20), at [www.classzone.com](http://www.classzone.com).