



2023 - 2024 High Ability Learners Math – Mrs. Miller

Welcome to the HAL classroom! Once you have read this general information, please sign and return the permission form at the end of the page. I am looking forward to working with your child this year.

Communication: Please make me the first person you contact if you have any questions or concerns. Clear communication is important for all, so do not hesitate to contact me (millerd@svdpomaha.org) for any reason.

Grading Policy: All HAL math classes use a scale of 40% for homework, 10% for Simple Solutions, and 50% for tests or other assessments. A separate grade will also be given for effort. Students are expected to complete Simple Solutions lessons daily, and a quiz will be given after every 4 lessons. Please use PowerSchool to monitor grades.

Homework: Most days your child will have homework. Homework grades are based on the number of problems correctly completed out of the total number of problems assigned. Students are expected to make some mistakes, so **please encourage independence** in completing homework. Assignments will be posted on Google Classroom, but it is the student's responsibility to record the daily assignment in his/her assignment notebook.

Late Homework: The HAL classroom may have a different late policy than your child's grade level policy. Students in the HAL classroom are expected to always turn their work in on time. Homework missing at the beginning of class or incomplete work may be considered late. The late assignment is due at the beginning of the next class period and may receive a deduction if it becomes a habitual problem.

Academic Integrity: All work should be the student's original work and not copied or plagiarized from another source. In the event this happens, the student may receive a conduct report and possibly a zero on the assignment.

Placement: Student placement is determined through a variety of methods: standardized tests, grade-level achievement tests, classroom performance, and teacher referrals. Students should also have strong effort, a positive and cooperative attitude, the ability to work independently, and respectful behavior. Academic ability is important, but cooperative and diligent behavior is also necessary.

Please be advised that any placement in the HAL classroom is always provisional. Placement one year does not guarantee placement for the next year. Student progress is monitored every quarter, and parents will be contacted if there are any concerns. A student may be placed on "probation" with a goal to meet specific criteria. If a student fails to meet this plan, he/she may make a return to the regular classroom. This will be clearly communicated with parents before any decisions are made.

Tests/Assessments: One or two tests are given for every chapter depending on the amount of information covered. Tests are half of a student's grade, so it is important that homework is completed on-time and independently for success. If a student is absent for a test, a new test date will be put into place.

Textbooks/Supplies: The textbook we use is one grade level ahead of the student's current grade level placement. Please cover all textbooks/workbooks with a paper bag. Students should also bring a: notebook, pencil, loose-leaf paper, assignment notebook, dry erase marker, and 6th graders may have a calculator. Please emphasize to your child that being prepared for class is his/her responsibility.