Greetings students and parents and welcome to the beginning of another school year! The information on this sheet is designed to familiarize students and parents with my expectations (both academic and behavioral), grading methods, and available resources. They are more fully explained on the back.

**Be Prepared!!!** Bring these items to class EVERY DAY!!!! Leave at HOME!!!

**Grading:**
90% Quizzes and Tests
10% Homework / Participation (Point system – usually 5 pts per HW assignment)

**Resources:**
Mrs. McGrath’s Calculus Website:
https://sites.google.com/a/westwood.k12.ma.us/mcgrath/
- Homework assignments
- Class handouts
- Class links
- Discussion board
- Answer keys
- Extra Help hours

Online Grade Book: www.mygradebook.com
- Access all personal grades (quizzes, tests, homework)
- Compare your grades to the grades of the rest of the class
- Note: you will get an email with password in a few weeks

**Extra Help**
- Hours will be posted online about my availability after school (usually every day from 2-2:30)

**Math Seminar**
- Room 216 during all blocks with the exception of the last block

**To Do Tonight!!!!**
- Complete the Contact Information Survey online at class website:
  https://sites.google.com/a/westwood.k12.ma.us/mcgrath/ (select link on left under Calculus)
- Student and Parent sign Course Expectation sheet

**Questions???** Email me at amcgrath@westwood.k12.ma.us
CALCULATOR
A TI–83 or TI–84 graphing calculator is required for this course. We will be using them frequently in class and on some portions of quizzes and tests. I would like to point out, however, that calculators are often not allowed during quizzes and tests.

REQUIRED MATERIALS: All students are expected to come to class with:
- a graphing calculator.
- a writing utensil
- a notebook (preferably a 3-ring binder – otherwise students should also bring a folder for loose papers, worksheets, etc.)

RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS: The math seminar room at the high school is staffed by a math teacher during all blocks but the last block of each day. Extra help after school is available on most school days; if possible, students should let me know ahead of time if they are planning on coming for extra help.

ABOUT GRADES:
Tests and Quizzes will account for 90% of your grade each term. Tests are always announced a few days in advance and will generally range from 80 – 120 points. Quizzes may or may not be announced and will range from 10 – 60 points. Tests and quizzes will be taken in pencil only!!!!!! Everyone makes mistakes. As a result, I would like you to be able to erase and start over. Generally we will have 4 tests per term and a few quizzes as well. Calculators may or may not be allowed on a given quiz or test. Quizzes may be announced or unannounced (if unannounced, quizzes are usually open-notes).

Homework/Behavior/Participation will be determined from the total possible homework points compiled over the term and will account for 10% of your grade each term. For example, if there are 30 homework assignments given in a term, then the total possible points will be 150 (each assignment is worth 5 points). During the course of the term you may lose some or all of these points for infractions such as not having homework (5 points), incomplete homework (1 – 4 points), tardiness (3 points), not having required materials, and/or misbehaving (points will vary). I check the homework regularly at the start of class. If you do not have the assignment at this time you will not get credit. The assignments must be done in PENCIL. In addition, work must be shown in order to receive full credit. Occasionally, assignments will be collected and given more weight than every day assignments.

Please note that individual extra credit projects will NOT be permitted, however, extra credit assignments may be given each term.

WEBSITE: I maintain an online grade book (at www.mygradebook.com) so that students and parents can access individual students’ grades. Please provide your email address as I will send emails announcing updated grades and send links to the site. In addition, students will be provided with an ID number and password for their account.

The class website can be found at https://sites.google.com/a/westwood.k12.ma.us/mcgrath/
It contains daily homework assignments, class handouts and links, discussion board, answer keys and announcements such as extra help hours or assignment updates.
To the student and parent(s):

Please email me at amcgrath@westwood.k12.ma.us if you have any questions or concerns. Though email is the best way to contact me, I can also be reached at x3473.

Please sign and return this sheet to indicate that you and your parents have read the course expectations and have completed the online contact information survey which provides email addresses for both students and parents.

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Student Name (print)           Parent Name (print)

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Student Signature              Parent/Guardian Signature