



Joplin Schools

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

I would like to take this time to welcome you to my class! I am very excited to begin my second year of teaching at Joplin South Middle School. We have a lot of fun and learning in store for us this year and I look forward to working with you and your student.

In our math classes we will be implementing the new Common Core State Standards for Mathematics. I am going to be using a Flipped Classroom model this school year. The plan is further outlined in my "Flipped Classroom Overview." A flipped classroom involves students watching teacher-made videos at home that will build their background knowledge and help them complete hands-on activities and projects in class. A flipped classroom will reduce lecture time and allow for more one-on-one and small group instruction from the teacher.

In the event that your child is having trouble on an assignment or during a unit of the class, I will open my classroom for tutoring at 8 AM every morning. They will need to bring their assignment or questions with them and report to room 108.

I will follow all school policies for missing assignments and tardies.

The South Middle School grading scale is as follows:

A: 90%-100% --- B: 80%-89%--- C: 70%-79%--- D: 60%-69% --- F: ≤59%

Our classroom has a set of calculators that are available for use in the room. If you wish to buy a calculator for your child please purchase a *Texas Instrument TI-30X IIS*.

Seventh grade students need to bring a 1 in. binder to leave in my classroom to organize projects and materials.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions/concerns. My plan period is 6th hour (1:52-2:39).

I am really excited to have the opportunity to teach and get to know your child this year.

Thank you,

Jordan Dickey