

How to Do Your Best in Math

WHILE YOU'RE ON CAMPUS

- ✓ Be **actively involved** in each day's lesson.
- ✓ **Ask appropriate questions** to clarify difficult topics.
- ✓ **Stay on task**; don't get caught up talking with another student and miss the lesson.
- ✓ **Grade your homework** carefully at the beginning of each class. This is the time you can check your understanding and ask any questions.
- ✓ Come in during my available times to **get help on topics/concepts as soon as you encounter difficulty**. Don't wait and hope that "you'll get it!"

WHILE YOU'RE AT HOME

- ✓ **Work** in a designated area at home **without electronics** (TV, computer, cell phone, or video games) close by.
- ✓ **Begin your homework the 1st night** (the day we have class), but don't do all the problems the first night; instead leave half, or less, to finish on the second night so you can be exposed to the concepts more than once. *This will help with overall comprehension and long-term retention.*
- ✓ **Even if you finish** all the problems the first night you should **choose 5-10 problems from your assignment to re-work on the second night** (the day you go to your science class).
- ✓ Don't forget to work problems over the weekend. **Try not to skip many days between studying**, the more often you practice the easier math will become.
- ✓ **To prepare for a quiz**, be sure to review all warm-ups, classwork, and homework associated with the concept(s) on the quiz. Since you're showing all your work to each problem assigned in the homework, and keeping it in chronological order in your notebook, you will probably be able to identify any difficulty before taking the quiz (and test!!). *NOTE: Concepts on quizzes are detailed in the Unit Planner handed out at the beginning of each unit and on my staff site homework page(s).*
- ✓ **Study regularly**. To study math you need to work problems out with a pencil and paper (not in your head). Complete all problems assigned and re-work a selection of problems prior to any quiz or test to be sure you understand the concept prior to taking any quiz or test.