

**Pre-Algebra I/II Syllabus  
William Wetsel Middle School  
2025-2026**

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

I am so excited to help all of the students grow. This year, I hope the students will be challenged to explain, exhibit, and discuss mathematical ideas; while also strengthening mathematical foundations.

**Required Materials:**

**Remains in class:**

- (1) 1" - 1 ½" - 3 Ring Binder (for notes/practice) to remain in the classroom
- Charged Chromebook - Remains in class for student use.

**Students to bring daily (pouch/box containing):**

- Textbook: Mathspace Grade 8: Built for the 2023 Virginia SOL
- Pencils
- Lined Notebook Paper (Wide or College Ruled)
- Colored Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Dry Erase Marker

**Classroom Expectations and Guidelines:**

At Wetsel you're expected to adhere to our school expectations and norms:

**SCHOOLWIDE EXPECTATIONS**

Show Your **BLUE**

**B**e Respectful

**L**earn Everyday

**U**nderstand Responsibilities

**E**ncourage Everyone

**CHARACTER EXPECTATIONS**

Respect

Integrity

Responsibility

Kindness

American Citizenship

**Math Benchmark Dates:**

Benchmark 1: Monday, October 13, 2025

Benchmark 2: Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Benchmark 3: Monday, March 9, 2026

Benchmark 4: Math SOL (Date TBD)

**WWMS Tardy Policy:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Tardy** – Verbal warning (teacher)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tardy** – Warning and parent notification (teacher)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tardy** – Lunch Detention and Parent Notification (teacher) Administration will conference with student (Administration)

**4<sup>th</sup> Tardy** – Discipline referral, conference with the student and parent notification.

**WWMS Grading Policy:**

- Tests/Projects – 50%
- Quizzes – 30%
- Homework/Classwork – 20%

**Late Work Policy:**

There are two deadlines per quarter for late assignment submission. Any assignment that is not turned in by the respective 4.5 or 9 week reporting periods will remain a 0% in the gradebook. For example, if an assignment was due week 2, it must be submitted by the 4.5 interim.

**Quiz and Test Policy**

Any student who scores below a 70% on a quiz or test will be required to do test corrections. Corrections will be administered on paper the next day during our warm-up time. Students will be given half credit for each correct problem solved that will be added to the students grade in PowerSchool.

**Note:** Each marking period consists of *two* grade-reporting periods – Weeks 1-4 and Weeks 5-9.

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Students are responsible for making up work missed due to absences. Make up work for extended absences should be completed as soon as possible after the student returns unless other arrangements are made.

**Parent/Guardian Communication:**

Each week I will send out a weekly email letting you know what we will be doing in class for the week. I encourage you to contact me with any concerns or questions. You can reach me by email at [apatterson@madisonschools.k12.va.us](mailto:apatterson@madisonschools.k12.va.us) or by calling the school at **540-948-3783**. You can also check out daily and weekly lessons and assignments by accessing the student portal on Mathspace.

**Tentative Course Outline:**

- **Quarter 1:** Fractions, Decimals and Percents, Powers of 10, Exponents & Scientific Notation, Comparing and Ordering Rational Numbers, Square Roots, The Real Number System, Algebraic Expressions, Solving Equations & Inequalities, Dependent/Independent Events
- **Quarter 2:** Slope and Graphing Linear Equations, Functions, Proportional Reasoning, Percents and Consumer Math
- **Quarter 3:** Classifying Angles, Transformations, The Pythagorean Theorem, Area and Perimeter of Composite Figures
- **Quarter 4:** Surface Area and Volume of Solids, Graphical Representations of Data, Probability

In Pre-Algebra I/II, we will follow the revised Virginia Standards of Learning for 2023 as outlined at the link below:

<https://www.doe.virginia.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/48945/638741652670270000>

**Student/Parent/Guardian Contract (Pre-Algebra I/II)**

I am looking forward to a great school year! Students and parents/guardians, after reading through the syllabus, please sign below indicating that you have read the syllabus and understand the requirements and expectations for Pre-Algebra I/II this year. Parents/Guardians, please also complete the contact information portion to help me know the best way to reach you. Please contact me with any questions or concerns throughout the year.

Here's to a great year!

***Mr. Patterson***

I understand the requirements and expectations for Math 8 this year.

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Student

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Date

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Parent/Guardian

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Date