



Journey Middle School

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8th Accelerated Math

Mrs. Whitten (2025-2026)

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Classroom Digital Platforms	Schoology Delta Math McGraw Hill
Textbook Information	McGraw Hill: Link to textbook can be found in Schoology.
Course Description	This Accelerated Grade 8 course has been carefully aligned and designed for middle school students who have completed the Grade 7 Accelerated course and show particular motivation and interest in mathematics. In Accelerated Math 8, there are five domains: The Number System, Expressions and Equations, Functions, Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. <u>Current Alabama Math Course of Study</u>
Course Objectives	The algebra focus is on quadratic relationships. Students who successfully complete this course will be prepared to enter Geometry with Data Analysis in Grade 9 and then accelerate directly into Algebra II with Statistics in Grade 10, thus providing them with an opportunity to take additional, specialized mathematics coursework, such as AP Calculus or AP Statistics.
Course Outline	Unit 1: Pythagorean Theorem Unit 2: Equations Unit 3: Inequalities Unit 4: Scatter Plots and two-way tables Unit 5: Functions Unit 6: Systems of Equations Unit 7: Exponential Functions Unit 8: Factoring and Polynomials Unit 9: Quadratics Unit 10: Sequences
Classroom Expectations	1. Respect Others 2. Work Hard 3. Calm voice and body 4. Device Free
Progressive Discipline (JMS Policy)	All progressive discipline will correspond with the Madison City Schools Code of Conduct regarding Class I and II offenses. Class III offenses are a direct office referral. Step 1: Verbal warning Step 2: Student/teacher conference Step 3: Parent contact/conference Step 4: Detention and a parent contact Step 5: Office referral

Grading Policy (MCS Policy)	60% = Assessments (Tests, Essays, Projects) 40% = Daily Grades (Quizzes, Homework, Classwork, and Participation)
Late Work Policy	Students present in class on the day of instruction are expected to turn in all in-class and out-of-class assignments on time. For late submissions: - Late submissions will be accepted up to 3 days following the due date but an automatic 20% will be deducted from points earned. - After 3 days, no late work will be accepted and the zero will stand.
Make-up Work/ Test Policy	Students with excused absences will be allowed to make-up all work within three days of returning to school. It is the student's responsibility to ask for make-up work. Students can get with a classmate or ask the teacher for help. Work that is not made up will become a zero (including projects). Many times, missed work can be made up during school.
Laptops	Student laptops should not be hard-wired to the network or have print capabilities. Use of discs, flash drives, jump drives, or other USB devices will not be allowed on Madison City computers. Neither the teacher, nor the school is responsible for broken, stolen, or lost laptops. Laptops and other electronic devices will be used at the individual discretion of the teacher.
Technology Policy	FOCUS ACT (ALABAMA STATE LAW) - Students can have devices out before the 8:08 bell each day. Teachers on duty in the cafeteria and the gym should remind all students to put away devices before dismissing for the 8:08 bell. Students will not have devices out from 8:08-8:15 while transitioning to the first class of the day. - Students may have devices out after the 3:20 bell. - Students must power off and store their personal electronic/wireless devices off their person in backpacks, gym bags, or purses. - Students may not have any device out or in use during the instructional day which includes hallway transitions. While students may use MCS Chromebooks during the instructional day, they may no longer travel in the hallways with open Chromebooks. Encourage students to pack up these Chromebooks in their backpacks before transitioning to the next class. - Students may not bring any device, including their Chromebook, to the cafeteria during lunch. Students should not bring their backpacks or other personal belongings to the cafeteria with the exception of a lunch box. Wireless Communication Devices A. Definitions 1. Instructional Day – - When school is open and in session; - During class time, lunch, transitions between classes, and any non-instructional periods; - Any time that students are required to store their Wireless Communication Devices under the Student Code of Conduct, or other school rules; or - Any other time, students are instructed to store their devices by school staff. 2. Wireless Communication Devices – Any portable electronic device that has the capability of exchanging voice, messaging, or other data communication with another electronic device, including, without limitation: - cellular telephones - tablet computers

- laptop computers
- pagers
- gaming devices
- smart watches
- earphones or headphones (Air Pods, ear buds, over the ear headphones, etc., whether wireless or not)

B. Possession of Wireless Communication Devices – Students are prohibited from bringing Wireless Communication Devices into school buildings and onto school grounds, except in compliance with this policy. The Board is not responsible for the theft, loss, or damage to any Wireless Communication Device brought onto campus by a student.

C. Storage of Devices– At all times during the Instructional Day, students who possess a Wireless Communication Device on any campus or in any school must turn the device off and store the Wireless Communication Device off their person in a locker, car, backpack, purse, gym bag, or other storage location approved by school administrators. This storage requirement is subject to the exceptions set out in subsection D below.

D. Prohibition on Use; Exceptions – Students are prohibited from using, operating, or possessing a Wireless Communication Device during the Instructional Day, except under the following limited circumstances:

- The use, operation, and/or possession of the device is specifically included in the student’s Individualized Education Plan (IEP), 504 Plan, or an Individualized Health Plan;
- The use, operation, and/or possession of the device is for educational or learning purposes under the supervision of school personnel; and
- The use, operation, and/or possession occur during an emergency threatening the life or safety of the student or another person.

The Superintendent or designee is authorized to develop additional guidelines for implementation of these exceptions.

E. Searches – School officials may read, examine, or inspect the contents of any wireless communication device upon reasonable suspicion that the device contains evidence of a violation of Board policy, the Code of Conduct, or other school rules, provided that the nature and extent of such reading, examination, and inspection shall be reasonably related and limited to the suspected violation.

F. Disciplinary Action – Any violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct.

G. Additional Procedures Authorized – The Superintendent or designee is authorized to develop any additional rules necessary to carry out this policy.

Cheating/Plagiarism

A student who cheats will not receive credit for the work in question. If any other student has cooperated in cheating, that student is also considered to have cheated and will not receive credit. Cheating students will also be subject to the consequences in the disciplinary consequences in Section XXII of this CSC. Cheating is defined to include, but is not limited to:

- (a) copying someone else's work in or out of class and identifying and submitting it as your own
- (b) failing to quote and/or list appropriate citations for material derived from published sources (including the Internet) and identifying and submitting it as your own
- (c) the use of unauthorized notes, other materials, or assistance during the accomplishment of graded work in or out of class
- (d) any other situation in which the student attempts to or accepts credit for work not his or her own.

Artificial Intelligence Acceptable Use Policy (MCS Policy)	Madison City Schools acknowledges that technology is ever-changing and has a tremendous impact on our global society, local community, and classrooms. Artificial intelligence (AI), including generative forms of AI, is becoming more a part of our everyday lives. It is our responsibility to educate and train students to utilize AI in an ethical and educational way. Therefore, Madison City Schools is not banning the student or teacher use of AI, but each student will need to be aware of the limitations and guidelines of its usage: a. Madison City Schools student email accounts and Chromebook access to specific open AI software, such as ChatGPT, are blocked due to data and security concerns. b. Any misuse of AI tools and applications, such as hacking or altering data, is strictly prohibited. c. Teachers may allow the use of AI for curriculum purposes. Access to specific websites will be granted on an as-needed basis, adhering to specific data and privacy guidelines regarding age restrictions and usage. d. College Board and Dual Enrollment college and university classes may have additional restrictions and limitations regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence. e. Students who use AI software with a personal device and/or personal credentials should do so at their own risk, acknowledging that each platform is collecting various forms of data. f. Students must acknowledge the use of AI in any capacity related to their schoolwork, including text, images, multimedia, etc. The use of AI could be subject to the Academic Dishonesty Policy. h. Students should acknowledge that AI is not always factually accurate, nor seen as a credible source, and should be able to provide evidence to support its claims.
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Materials & Supplies	Below is a list of supplies your child will need for eighth grade math. Please make every effort to be sure he/she has needed supplies for class. 1) Spiral Notebook 2) Loose-leaf paper 3) Graph Paper 4) Scientific Calculator (TI-30XS) 5) Pencils (sharpened) needed daily
Homework	Homework will be assigned if daily practice is not completed in class. It is the student's responsibility to finish at home and be prepared for the next day.
Parent & Student Acknowledgment Form	Click Here to sign the acknowledgment form