

## FAQ's

### Frequently Asked Questions of the Olympus Math Department

(Please post on refrigerator!) ☺

1) **Q:** *When is extra credit awarded?*

**A:** Extra credit is awarded at the end of each trimester **if** the student has no missing assignments and has completed the extra credit assignments determined by their teacher. EC can raise a grade up to 5% max. Often times, extra credit assignments are to be completed on the online Skills Tutor program at [www.myskillstutor.com](http://www.myskillstutor.com). Students use their campus computer username and password (NOT the same as that for Powerschool), and need to enter olympus01 for the 'site'.

2) **Q:** *Why does my child have an 'unexcused' absence?*

**A:** Teachers must mark students absent whenever they are not in class. 'Unexcused' is the only option given by Powerschool (even if advance notice has been given). All attendance issues are handled through the main office.

3) **Q:** *Why was my child marked down on the Homework Check (HC)?*

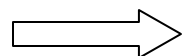
**A:** HC problems are randomly chosen from the completed daily HW assignments. Students need to copy the chosen problems from their HW spiral notebook onto the HC. Each problem needs to state what the original problem was (previously copied from the text into their HW notebook); have all necessary steps shown as modeled in the notes; and have the correct answer. Students use their corrected HW for HC's, but not the textbook. If you would like to see a particular HC, please ask your child's teacher if they were returned to the student or filed and saved by the teacher. Students self correct their daily homework (odds are in the back of the text), so all HC problems should have the correct solution at the very least (theoretically)!

4) **Q:** *Why did my child receive full credit on the assignments yet did poorly on the test?*

**A:** Daily HW (2 pts.) is checked off based on effort & completion. Students are responsible for correcting their work/answers and asking questions. Simply completing the HW does not guarantee *understanding*, especially if the student does not arrive at the correct solution(s) on their own.

5) **Q:** *How can my child do better on tests?*

**A:** Students are given a review assignment 1-2 days prior to taking a chapter test. Students need to complete, correct, and understand all of the problems in the review. It can also be helpful for students to review their notes nightly, have someone quiz them on practice problems (any odds problems in the book for that chapter), and/or make flash cards to help memorize formulas and /or key terms.



6) **Q:** *Can my child retake a test or quiz if they did not do well?*

**A:** No.

7) **Q:** *What does my child need each day for math class?*

**A:** You can view the required supplies on the OJHS website (math dept.). The *minimum* daily materials needed include: planner/agenda, 2 spiral notebooks (one for notes, one for HW), pencils, a pen, & whiteboard markers.

8) **Q:** *How can my child improve their grade/understanding?*

**A:** Homework completion and accuracy is the key to developing the necessary skills for success on tests/quizzes. Tests/quizzes make up 65% of the entire grade. Students who are struggling with concepts can attend Math Lab Monday – Thursday from 2:10 – 3:00. Math Lab provides a quiet environment for students to work on their assignments, but does not guarantee one-on-one assistance from the teacher. Personal tutors are recommended if your child needs extra assistance. Your child's math teacher can provide a list of GBHS student tutors upon request, or you can obtain the list from the GBHS website.

9) **Q:** *How do I know what my child has for HW?*

**A:** Assignments are posted on the HW hotline (786-6006); the Olympus website ([www.eureka-usd.k12.ca.us/ojhs](http://www.eureka-usd.k12.ca.us/ojhs)); and in your child's planner.

10) **Q:** *How do I know how my child is doing in class?*

**A:** You are encouraged to check grades online weekly (see Olympus website above). You may email your child's teacher if you have any questions and/or concerns. Please attend the parent conferences on October 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, and February 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.