**Geometry Syllabus**

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**Required Materials**

 School-wide organizational binder with both college-ruled paper and graph paper

 Pencils, mechanical pencils are highly preferred!

 Available at home: pens, colored pencils, rulers, highlighters

 Optional: students may wish to purchase a scientific calculator, but I will provide these for in-class use.

**Grading Scale**

Student grades will be entered as points, but those points will be distributed as follows:

 60% - Assessments (tests, quizzes, etc)

 25% - Homework and Classwork

 15% - Binder and Focused Notes

**Homework Policy**

 Homework will be assigned regularly, and will be usually checked twice in class: once for completeness/credit and once for correctness. Students who do not complete homework will occasionally have the opportunity to complete it in class for reduced credit

**Tutoring Schedule**

 Mr. Serra will gladly provide tutoring to students who need it each BLUE day of the school year from 2pm-3pm unless he has scheduled a meeting.

 Students should arrive to tutoring by 2:15pm. He will write passes to coaches or parents as needed when a student is finished with tutoring.

**Parent Contact**

 Regular and consistent parent contact is essential to building strong relationships between home and school.

 We strongly urge parents to check Portal at least once per week to monitor grades and absences. Parents can also view daily lesson plans on the bocaciega.org Lesson Plan page.

**Pirate Pact and School/Classroom Rules/Restroom Policy**

 The Pirate Pact and Code of Conduct goes a long way in establishing the rules that we need to have a positive classroom. Students should expect me to enforce school-wide expectations such as (but not limited to) tardies, electronics, dress-code, and behavior.

 We will work in every way to resolve issues with professionalism and dignity in class. If there is ever a case where you feel that we did not meet this standard, please reach out immediately so that we may resolve the issue. Your child’s education is too important to be wasted on misbehavior or misaligned expectations.

 Restroom policy: students will have **six** restroom passes for use each quarter for my class. Any student with a physical issue preventing them from adhering to this policy should submit documentation to the office so that we may accommodate.

**Pearson enVision Textbook**

 Pinellas County Schools has adopted the Pearson enVision textbook for all Geometry Honors courses. These texts are fairly different from the old textbooks, as the new standards emphasize conceptual understanding over rote practice.

 Students will have the option of checking out a hardcover textbook or accessing the textbook online. I would encourage students to choose the online option whenever possible, as the books cost in excess of $100 each if misplaced or damaged. Students wishing to check out a hardcover may do so from the library at any time.

 In order to provide the most standards-focused lessons to your child, we will frequently work with content outside of the textbook. These resources will be posted to the Lesson Plans on bocaciega.org, and can also be requested from Mr. Serra via email.

**Absences and Attendance**

 Students absent from class for one day (even if it’s an excused absence) will have missed 90 minutes of material. We would expect that a good student would stay after school at least 30 minutes to catch up on both the assignment and content that was missed.

 We encourage any student who knows they will miss a day to stay after school beforehand to get the material.

 Any more than one absence a month usually leads a student to be totally lost in class. Please monitor student attendance on Portal routinely, and contact me with any outstanding issues.

 As per the PCSB Code of Conduct, students will have one extra day for each absence to make up any missed work.

Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome to Geometry! We are extremely excited to meet you and begin working towards our goal of proficiency and growth in Geometry. By choosing to enroll at The Boca Ciega High School, your family has made a clear commitment to high standards and work ethic. We are best at our jobs when we can reinforce the expectations that you have for your child at school. If at any time your student is feeling behind, unmotivated, frustrated, or disenfranchised in any way, please notify us immediately. We pride ourselves in not only consistently holding high expectations, but also in continually reflecting on our practices to make sure that we always operate with your best interests at heart. Thank you for your time. We look forward to working together towards a great school year.

Mr. Smeltz and Mr. Serra

Please sign and detach indicating that parent and student have read Mr. Smeltz and Mr. Serra’s math syllabus.

Student Name:

Student Signature:

Student Email:

Parent Name: Parent Signature:

Parent Email: Parent Phone Numbers:

Parent preferred contact method (circle all that apply):

text

call

email

*Please write any additional information you’d like me to know about you or your student on the back of this paper or email Mr. Smeltz at* [*smeltzd@pcsb.org*](mailto:smeltzd@pcsb.org) *or Mr. Serra at* [*serraiiij@pcsb.org*](mailto:serraiiij@pcsb.org)