

Course Outline

Dr. George Johnson Middle School
2008-2009 Grade 8 Math
Instructor: **E. Kowalchuk**

A. Main Aims and Objectives

Students should be able to:

1. Use mathematics confidently to solve problems
2. Communicate and reason mathematically
3. Appreciate and value mathematics

B. Topics Covered

The following topics will be discovered and practiced in this course:

1. Number Skills
2. Patterns and Relations
3. Shape and Space
4. Statistics and Probability

C. Evaluation

Students are responsible for their own success. Student grades are calculated cumulatively, and will be based on the following allotment scale:

	<u>Value %</u>
1. Daily Work	45%
-Daily Assignments	
-Mental Math	
-Problem Solving	
2. Tests	35%
-Quizzes	
-Unit Tests	
3. Final exam	20%

*Each of the assessment areas listed above will be discussed in class.

Notes for Parents:

- ◆Please read over the course outline with your student carefully
- ◆Updated cumulative marks will be available to parents and students upon request between reporting periods but will also be provided approximately every 6 weeks.
- ◆At the present time, special after school teaching help as well as intervention time during the school day are in place to allow struggling Math students to receive small group instruction.

Please contact me personally if you have any questions regarding the progress of your student. You are welcome to visit our classroom or call by telephone. My email at work is ekowalchuk@esd.mb.ca. Out of respect for our mutual privacy, I would ask that you please contact me at DJMS (642-8581) and not at home. If I am not available to answer the phone during school hours, a message can be left with our secretary. I will return all phone messages as promptly as I can once they have been received. Thank you for respecting this request.

Here's to a great year!

Teacher Signature

Student Name

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date _____