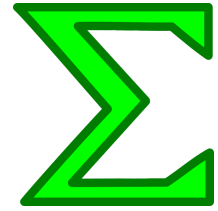


SIGMA COMMUNITY



Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Sigma teachers are pleased that your child has been assigned to our community for the 2024-2025 school year. We look forward to a rewarding learning experience for both your child and our team.

We believe that eighth grade is one of the most important years in your child's academic career because students are preparing for additional responsibilities and challenges that will follow in their high school years.

According to the Student/Parent Handbook, "*The Manalapan-Englishtown Board of Education strongly believes in and reasserts here its belief that homework is an integral, necessary and required part of the teaching-learning process.*" The Sigma teachers are in complete agreement. Thus, as a courtesy, Sigma teachers routinely post homework and other important information on [Google Classroom](#). Please remember to access the Parent Portal frequently to monitor your child's progress in each class. We have found that stating our expectations and rules at the beginning of the year helps the student establish self-discipline, a positive self-concept, and avoids later misunderstandings.

We consider that one of the most important aspects of middle school education is the school to home connection. In an effort to increase our communication with the home, please feel free to email us through the MERS webpage or call us at (732) 786-2650. Each Sigma teacher has his/her own email and voice mailbox. Email is the preferred method of communication. *Thank you.*

Please review and discuss all information with your child. Students are required to join the Sigma Community Google Classroom via code [iioydfb](#) as soon as possible. **Please fill out this [Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement Form](#) prior to the beginning of the school year to indicate you and your child have read this document.**

Thank you,

The Sigma Community

Felicia Mangel-----Mathematics

Christina Bergamino---Mathematics

Eve Fleishman-----Social Studies

Melissa Carroll ---- Science

Matt Harris----- Language Arts

Andrea Viteritto----Language Arts

Jamie Bruno--- ELA RR/ICS -Social Studies

Brittany Macy - Math RR/ICS - Science



Sigma Supply List

Mrs. Bergamino (Mathematics): 3 ring binder (2 inch), lined notebook filler paper for the binder, TI-34 multi-view calculator, fine tip dry erase marker, a ruler, plenty of pencils and erasers. To keep at home: graph paper.

Mrs. Mangel (Mathematics): 3 subject spiral notebook with pocket folders (or a 3 ring binder of your choice- with folders), TI-34 MultiView calculator, pencils and erasers, personal pencil sharpener, ruler and protractor.

Geometry class only: compass To keep at home (**all classes**): graph paper

Mrs. Macy (Mathematics): - 3 ring binder (1 inch) with loose leaf paper, 1 sturdy folder, TI-34 MultiView calculator, pencils and erasers, personal pencil sharpener, dry erase marker.

Mrs. Bruno (Language Arts): 3 ring binder (1 inch) with dividers, a sturdy pocket folder, composition notebook, red pens for edits, highlighters, fine tip dry erase marker, plenty of pencils and erasers.

Mrs. Viteritto (Language Arts): 3 ring binder (1 inch), red pens for edits, highlighters, plenty of pencils, erasers, and blue or black pens, and one pack of each of the following: crayons, colored pencils, markers, Crayola preferred and two glue sticks. These will stay in the classroom to replenish supplies throughout the year. We will be heavy on the "arts" part this year!

Mr. Harris (Language Arts): 3 ring binder (1 inch) with dividers, a sturdy pocket folder, 2 marble composition books, highlighters

Mrs. Carroll (Science): Sturdy pocket folder, colored pencils, sharpie marker (black)

Mrs. Fleishman (Social Studies): 3 ring binder (1 inch) with two packages of dividers and a pencil pouch with ample writing utensils.

NOTE: Students may combine their subjects into one heavy duty binder with dividers if they so choose.

Sigma Community Rules and Discipline

1. Use of lockers will be discussed in September.
2. Students will be required to use the following heading on all written and digital work:

Student's full name

Date

Teacher's name and period number

Assignment

3. It is the student's responsibility to make up all assignments missed during an absence. A study buddy is highly recommended. It is the student's responsibility to contact his/her study-buddies to obtain any missed work. Please note: Teachers do post daily homework assignments and materials on Google Classroom.
4. There will be a penalty for all work handed in late.
5. All students are to be in the classroom on time, ready to work, and remain until dismissed by the teacher.
6. Students must come to class with all necessary materials including the following: pens, pencils, notebook, a charged chromebook, and any textbooks. It is highly recommended for students to purchase an assignment pad to keep track of assignment due dates.
7. There will be no eating of food, candy, or gum chewing permitted in any of the classrooms.
8. Student behavior will be respectful. Inappropriate language and behavior in school will not be tolerated.
9. Please refer to the Community Discipline Policy on the following page.
10. Please review the **cell phone/technology policy** that is in the student handbook found on the MEMS website.

Sigma Community DISCIPLINE / BEHAVIOR POLICY

Disciplinary problems that occur will result in the following procedures:

1. Two Community Warnings will result in:
 - *Conference with faculty and student to discuss proactive strategies.*
 - *A follow-up slip will accompany the student home for a parent signature following the conference.*

2. The third consecutive Community Warning will result in:
 - *Phone call home to parents to further discuss student behavior.*
 - *Removal from any community activities for that marking period and possible administrative referral.*

3. The fourth consecutive Community Warning will result in:
 - *Conference with community teachers, student, parent and administrator.*

4. All students will begin with a clean record at the beginning of each marking period.

Community Warnings can be issued for but not limited to the following:

- ✓ Unprepared for class
- ✓ Late to class
- ✓ Disrespectful behavior toward others
- ✓ Misbehaving/distracting other students from learning
- ✓ cheating (via digital or manual)

Please note: Student safety (physical or emotional) is our top priority; therefore, major infractions will result in immediate administration intervention.

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