



## Douglass J Phillips



My name is Douglass J Phillips and I will be your math teacher for the 2020 – 2021 school year at Madison High School. I am excited about this year and am looking forward to learning with you as we dwell into the wonderful world of Math. I have been teaching for more than 24 years and have taught Middle School as well as High School. I have been employed with Houston Independent School District for 16 years. This is my third year at Madison High School.

I am a proud father of a son, John. I have been married to my wife Judy for 29 years. I have lived in the Houston Area since 1977. I served in the United States Air Force as a Security Services Member, Security Specialist.

I enjoy math and truly believe that anyone can learn math if given the opportunity and right guidance. Math is truly the only universal language. If you go to Japan, the Moon, or Mars,  $2 + 2 = 4$ . The language of the land may be different, but the math does not change. Math is truly beautiful and can be seen throughout the world. It is in everything from buildings to plants. Infinity is truly fascinating as well as Euclid. I love Space and had the opportunity to work at the Johnson Space Center (Security) in 1980.

I believe that we will all learn together and grow as individuals as we pursue math and the challenges that the COVID-19 Pandemic has bestowed upon us. BE FLEXIBLE. Whether you agree or disagree, we can use this as an opportunity to learn new skills. I am learning and you will too; together we will succeed.

Please be patient as we are all entering a new era of education.

Welcome to my math class and may we never stop learning and succeeding together.

If you need to contact me:

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My conference periods are 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> periods.

Thank you and Welcome,

*DJ Phillips*



# James Madison High School

## 2020 – 2021 Geometry Course Syllabus

### Mr. Douglass J Phillips

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## Expectations

- 1) When the Tardy Bell rings, students are to be seated at their desk with materials and ready to begin learning.
- 2) Ask permission to speak.
- 3) Respect the classroom as well as each other's property.
- 4) Follow directions at all times.
- 5) Complete all assignments in a timely manner. Late work will result in reduction of the assignment grade.
- 6) Cheating will not be tolerated. If you are caught cheating during tests and/or quizzes you will receive a zero for the assignment and referred to your assistant principal.
- 7) Keep hands and feet to yourself at all times.
- 8) Use of profanity will not be tolerated. Repeated use will result in apparent conference and/or referral to your assistant principal.
- 9) The work area around you must be kept clean from any trash, respect the classroom and keep the room clean.
- 10) All classroom materials used in the lesson must be returned to their proper place in the classroom at the end of each class.
- 11) BULLYING will not be tolerated. Please respect others. Bullying will result in assistant principal referral immediately.

## Consequences

1 <sup>st</sup> Offense.....	Verbal Warning
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense.....	Teacher Conference
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense.....	Parent Conference
4 <sup>th</sup> Offense.....	Office Referral

## Class Procedures

- 1) Do Now (Warm-Up): 5 -10 problems per day.
- 2) Grading/Checking Homework
- 3) Modeling Lesson by Teacher
- 4) Guided Practice
- 5) Independent Practice
- 6) Closure/Collect finished assignments (Exit Ticket)

## Grading Policy

50%	daily work/homework/warm-ups
30%	tests/quizzes
20%	6-week exam

## Tardy Policy

- Coming late to class defines a tardy. If the bell rings and you are outside the classroom, you are considered tardy for the class.
- 3 Tardies = 1 absence
- Being tardy will result in consequences which include (but are not limited to) after school detention, parent contact, referral to your assistant principal.
- DO NOT BE TARDY

## Absence Policy

- If you are absent from school please bring an excuse to school when you return.
- Upon notification of an Excused Absence you will be allowed to make-up any work missed.

Any questions please feel free to contact me at: (713) 433-9801  
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***The student and their parent/guardian must sign and return this document acknowledging that you have read and understand the rules and procedures that are to be adhered to in my class room.***

Student Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_