

Math for Teachers I – MATH 1350.151

1. Read the entire syllabus very carefully! When you are finished reading, scroll back to this page and reread # 1 – 4. Print the course schedule and place it in a binder for this course.
2. Open the Course Schedule document located in Blackboard under “Start Here”. Read the Course Schedule.
3. Print the Course Schedule and put it in a place where you can refer to it often.
4. Send me an email to my SPC email address stating: “I read the entire syllabus, and I accept all of its requirements. I printed the Course Schedule.” Type your name at the bottom of the message. Send it to me by August 27th at 11:00 pm. This message will count as your first homework grade. If it is late, I will deduct 10 points per day.

South Plains College
Department of Mathematics and Engineering
MATH FOR TEACHERS I: 1350.151
Fall 2025 Course Policies

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- **Email Correspondence:** All email correspondence should come from your SPC email address. Please give me up to 24 hours to respond via email. Please do not message me using Blackboard messages. I do not check messages in Blackboard, but I will check my SPC email regularly. If you email about a specific math question, please attach a picture of the question and the work that you have tried.

Office Hours: As listed or by appointment.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 am – 11:00 am 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm (Levelland, M111)		9:00 am – 11:00 am 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm (Levelland, M111)		9:00 am – 11:00 pm (Levelland, M111)

How this course is conducted: This is an online course meaning you will access course information and respond to me and/or other students through the use of the Internet. Blackboard, Honorlock and Gradescope will be used to deliver and manage this course.

Course Materials: course materials for this course will be provided in Blackboard.

Supplies: Pencils, erasers, 3-ring binder, notebook paper, scientific calculator (when allowed). You will need reliable internet service, a way to print documents, a way to scan and upload documents and a webcam (internal or USB) with a microphone.

Blackboard: Student support is available by emailing blackboard@southplainscollege.edu or calling 716-2180. When emailing a request for help, include your full name, course(s) enrolled in, name of instructor(s) and a phone number where you can be reached. There are also Blackboard video tutorials

available at <http://ondemand.blackboard.com/students.htm>. You can also get to these videos by logging into Blackboard and clicking the My Blackboard tab.

Gradescope: <https://www.gradescope.com/help>

Honorlock: <https://honorlock.com/support/>

Class Policies

Logging Into Your Course: Under no circumstances are you allowed to give your User ID and/or passwords to anyone. If someone other than you logs into this course, I will withdraw you from the course with an F, regardless of the reason. If you are taking this course with a roommate, sibling, spouse, or significant other, you must inform me of this immediately. Failure to disclose this information could result in your being withdrawn from this course with an X or F.

Calculators: You may use a scientific or graphing calculator. However, there will be portions of the paper exams that will be “no calculator”.

Academic Integrity: It is the aim of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. Please refer to the SPC General Catalog policy under “Academic Integrity” and “Student Conduct” regarding consequences for cheating and plagiarism. This is an online environment, and others will see your responses to discussion posts. Do not post any pictures or data that others may find offensive. You are expected to work alone on all tests and quizzes. You may use your textbook and notes for assistance. If you choose to cheat on any test, you will be withdrawn immediately from this class with a grade of F. Whether you copy someone else’s work or you allow someone to copy your work is immaterial. Cheating of any type is not tolerated.

Computer Issues: If your personal computer becomes “disabled”, there are computer labs on the Levelland and Reese campuses, which you may use to access this course. Please remember that it is your responsibility to have a backup plan in place in case your computer goes down. Do not wait until it is a crisis situation! Computer problems, mechanical failures, Internet service issues, etc. do not constitute excuses for late submission of work. Deadlines will NOT be altered. This means that you should not wait until the last minute to work on assignments! All assignments are due at 11:00 pm. I suggest that you try to turn in assignments early, so that if you have technical issues, you will have time to deal with those issues and still get your assignments in on time.

Netiquette: No profanity under any circumstances! Respect and courtesy is required at all times. Even though we are not meeting face to face, I still expect formal/polite classroom decorum, as do your classmates. Students who decide to insult, embarrass, intimidate, or coerce other students or me will be dropped from this course immediately.

Withdrawal: If you are administratively withdrawn from this class, you will receive an F or X at my discretion. If you wish to withdraw from the course for any reason, you must contact the admissions office. If you live in Lubbock or Levelland, you will need to go to the admissions office (Levelland or Reese Campus) to drop the class. If you do **not** live in Lubbock or Levelland, contact the Registrar’s Office (806-716-2371) for further instructions. Please send me an email telling me you are withdrawing and why. If you drop this class, a W does not become effective until you complete the required steps with the admission’s office. Until I receive official notification of your withdrawal, you are still on my class roll and are subject to being dropped with an F.

Communication: All email should be sent through Blackboard. From Monday through Thursday, I will respond to your email within 24 hours. If you email me after 12 noon on Friday, you may not hear from me until after 9 am Monday morning, so do not wait until it is an emergency to email me. I do not guarantee a response to email during SPC scheduled school holidays.

Grading Policy:	TEKS Investigation Project	10%
	Homework Average	15%
	Unit Exams	60%
	Final Exam	15%

Grading Scale:	A: 90 and above	D: 60 – 69
	B: 80 – 89	F: 59 or below
	C: 70 – 79	

You may access your grades at any time during the course by looking at the gradebook in Blackboard. The gradebook in Blackboard will give you your course grade for all of the assignments completed. Work hard throughout the semester! I do not curve test grades for any reason. I also do not allow any one student to be a special case. Do not ask for extra points or for me to bump up your grade at the end of the course. You must *earn* all points that you receive.

Assignments: late work will not be accepted.

Handwritten Notes and Homework: These will be submitted in Gradescope. 50 points of the grade will be properly completed notes. The other 50 points will be based on your work within the assignment. You will have answer keys to all assignments, so obviously your answers are not being graded. Please remember to scan the notes first, followed by the homework assignment. I will be looking at 5-10 questions randomly to see if your work actually leads to the answer. Occasionally students copy work from an app. While you may get full credit on the assignment, you will not be prepared fully for an exam, and the exams count so much more. Do not cheat yourself out of the opportunity to practice the skills that will be required on an exam. Please check your own answers with the keys provided so that you can be aware of any misunderstandings you may have and get them corrected before an exam. The goal of an assignment is not the grade, but to gain the skill so that you can do well on the exam.

Discussions: There will be discussion topics throughout the semester that are located in Blackboard and will count as homework grades. You can get to these in the discussion module in Blackboard. You will have to make one new post, including all the required information, and at least one reply for each discussion.

Unit Exams and Final Exam: (monitored using Honorlock in Blackboard) The unit exams and the final exam will be paper exams given in Blackboard monitored using Honorlock. **Please refer to the course calendar to find the exact dates and times that the exams are open. To prepare for the exams, please study all unit notes, assignments, and exam reviews.**

- Exams will be monitored virtually via the Honorlock software. In order for Honorlock to work correctly, you need to be using the **most up-to-date Chrome internet browser** and add the Honorlock plug in/extension. This extension can be added at <https://app.honorlock.com/install/extension>.
- Enrollment in the course is an agreement to abide by and accept all terms for online testing. Online exams within this course will require online proctoring. **Therefore, students will be required to have a webcam (USB or internal) with a microphone** when taking an exam as well as the **Chrome internet browser**. Students understand that this remote recording device is purchased and controlled by the student and that recordings from any private residence must be done with the permission of any person residing in the residence. To avoid any concerns in this regard, students should select private spaces for the testing. Students must ensure that any recordings do not invade any third party privacy rights and accept all responsibility and liability for violations of any third party privacy concerns.
- Tests must be completed in the time window given. Once you begin your exam, you must finish it and submit it during that sitting. You are not allowed to stop and come back to it later. You are not allowed to take breaks during the exam so plan accordingly. An exam should not take more than two hours to complete. Therefore, you will pick a window of two hours out of the 24 hour window that the exam is posted.
- **Your PDF of the exam** must be submitted by the due date and time for that exam.
- You are not allowed to print off the exam. You should do all of your work for the exam on notebook paper. A PDF of the notebook paper that you used to do the questions is what you will submit over Blackboard.

- Audio, video and your computer screen are being recorded during testing. Please make sure your computer's audio and video are turned on.
- **The webcam/video must show both you and your workspace at all times during the exam.** Your exam workspace should include a writing utensil, blank notebook paper (no spirals) on which to complete the exam, a 3 inch by 5 inch notecard, and your calculator. If I can't see both you and your workspace throughout the exam, you will receive a zero. See the posted Blackboard video for an example of what I should see when you are testing.
- While taking the exam, your phone (smartwatch, etc.) needs to be placed away from your workspace. If it is too close, Honorlock will detect its presence. Once you finish the exam, you may retrieve your phone to scan your work.
- The exam itself will be posted on Blackboard and you should be able to have it open on your computer screen during the exam. That is all that should be on your computer screen until you are finished with the exam. Surfing the internet during the exam is prohibited and will result in a zero. Remember that the Honorlock software monitors your computer screen during the exam.
- You should find a private place to test where you will not be interrupted. Please sit at a table or desk to complete the exam. You should be the only person in the room where you are testing. If I see or hear other people in the room with you, then you will get a zero on the exam.
- There is no talking during the exam. The computer will be recording both audio and video.
- The Honorlock exam monitoring (audio, video and computer screen) will not be cut off until you click submit and exit the screen. Make sure to scan your work using the Gradescope app BEFORE you cut off your video.
- If there is anything questionable that happens during the exam or if you do not follow directions, you will receive a zero on the exam.
- If at any point during your exam you lost internet access, immediately scan the work you have done up to that point and upload it to the turn in link. If you are not able to access the turn in link, email it to me at kthompson@southplainscollege.edu.

TEKS Investigation Project: The specific instructions for the lesson plan will be posted in Blackboard in the TEKS Investigation Project folder.

MATH 1350.151 Course Calendar Fall 2025

Week	Topics/Information	Assignments	Due Date
1	Course Introduction – Watch the welcome video posted under “start here”. Read the entire syllabus and course calendar! Print the syllabus and course calendar.	Send me an email to my SPC email stating: “I read the entire syllabus, and I accept all of its requirements. I printed the course schedule.” Type your name at the bottom of the message.	August 27 th @ 11:00 PM
	Discussion 1 – located in Blackboard Discussions	Create a post and reply to at least one post.	August 27 th @ 11:00 PM
	Lesson 1-1 Problem Solving: Print and complete notes for section 1-1 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 1-1	August 28 th @ 11:00 PM
	Lesson 1-2 Sequences: Print and complete notes for section 1-2 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 1-2	August 31 st @ 11:00 PM

2	PRACTICE HONORLOCK EXAM – please refer to the syllabus and directions video for information on how to take an exam in Blackboard using HONORLOCK. This exam will be open for 24 hours and must be completed on paper and uploaded to the turn in link in Blackboard. It will open September 3 rd at 6 pm and will close on September 4 th at 6 pm.	Honorlock Practice Exam	September 4 th @ 6:00 PM
	Lesson 1-3 Describing Sets: Print and complete notes for section 1-3 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 1-3	September 7 th @ 11:00 PM
3	Lesson 1-4 Other Set Operations: Print and complete notes for section 1-4 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 1-4	September 11 th @ 11:00 PM
	Lesson 1-5 Numeration Systems: Print and complete notes for section 1-5 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 1-5	September 14 th @ 11:00 PM
	Review 1 – covers lessons 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4 and 1-5	Review 1	Does not have to be turned in but will get you ready for Exam 1
4	Exam 1 (given in Blackboard using HONORLOCK). Please read the syllabus for directions on taking exams using HONORLOCK. There is also a video posted in Blackboard giving instructions. The exam will be open for 24 hours. You must complete the exam during the 24 hours it is open. Once you open the exam, you will have 2 hours to complete it within the 24 hours it is open. You will view the exam in Blackboard and write all of your work on paper to scan and upload.	Exam 1	The exam will open on Wednesday, September 17th at 6pm and will close on Thursday, September 18th at 6pm.
	Lesson 2-1 Adding and Subtracting Whole Numbers: Print and complete notes for section 2-1 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 2-1	September 21 st @ 11:00 PM
5	Lesson 2-2 Multiplying and Dividing Whole Numbers: Print and complete notes for section 2-2 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 2-2	September 25 th @ 11:00 PM
	Lesson 2-3 Divisibility: Print and complete notes for section 2-3 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 2-3	September 28 th @ 11:00 PM
6	Discussion 2 – located in Blackboard Discussions	Create a post and reply to at least one post.	October 2 nd @ 11:00 PM
	Lesson 2-4 Prime and Composite Numbers: Print and complete notes for section 2-4 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 2-4	October 2 nd @ 11:00 PM

	Lesson 2-5 Greatest Common Factor and Least Common Multiple: Print and complete notes for section 2-5 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 2-5	October 5 th @ 11:00 PM
7	Review 2 – covering lessons 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, and 2-5	Review 2	Does not have to be turned in but will get you ready for Exam 2
	Begin working on Teks Investigation Project – You will find a module in Blackboard with all of the instructions for this project.		
	Exam 2 (given in Blackboard using HONORLOCK). Please read the syllabus for directions on taking exams using HONORLOCK. There is also a video posted in Blackboard giving instructions. The exam will be open for 24 hours. You must complete the exam during the 24 hours it is open. Once you open the exam, you will have 2 hours to complete it within the 24 hours it is open. You will view the exam in Blackboard and write all of your work on paper to scan and upload.	Exam 2	The exam will open on Wednesday, October 8 th at 6pm and will close on Thursday, October 9 th at 6pm.
8	Lesson 3-1 Operations with Integers: Print and complete notes for section 3-1 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 3-1	October 16 th @ 11:00 PM
	Lesson 3-2 Rational Numbers: Print and complete notes for section 3-2 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 3-2	October 19 th @ 11:00 PM
9	Lesson 3-3 Add, Subtract, Estimate Rational Numbers: Print and complete notes for section 3-3 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 3-3	October 23 rd @ 11:00 PM
	Lesson 3-4 Multiply, Divide, Estimate Rational Numbers: Print and complete notes for section 3-4 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 3-4	October 26 th @ 11:00 PM
10	Lesson 3-5 Ratios, Proportions and Proportional Reasoning: Print and complete notes for section 3-5 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 3-5	October 30 th @ 11:00 PM
	Review 3 – covering lessons 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5	Review 3	Does not have to be turned in but will get you ready for Exam 3
	TEKS Investigation Project Due – must be uploaded to the turn in link in Blackboard.		November 2 nd @ 11:00 PM
11	Exam 3 (given in Blackboard using HONORLOCK). Please read the syllabus for directions on taking exams using HONORLOCK. There is also a video posted in Blackboard giving instructions. The exam will be open for 24 hours. You must complete the exam during the 24 hours it is open. Once you open the exam, you will have 2 hours to complete it within the 24 hours it is	Exam 3	The exam will open on Wednesday, November 5 th at 6pm and will close on

	open. You will view the exam in Blackboard and write all of your work on paper to scan and upload.		Thursday, November 6 th at 6pm.
	Lesson 4-1 Terminating Decimals: Print and complete notes for section 4-1 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 4-1	November 9 th @ 11:00 PM
12	Lesson 4-2 Operations of Decimals, Scientific Notation: Print and complete notes for section 4-2 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 4-2	November 13 th @ 11:00 PM
	Lesson 4-3 Nonterminating Decimals, Converting Between Fractions, Decimals and Percents: Print and complete notes for section 4-3 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 4-3	November 16 th @ 11:00 PM
13	Lesson 4-4 Real Numbers: Print and complete notes for section 4-4 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 4-4	November 20 th @ 11:00 PM
	Lesson 4-5 Algebraic Expressions and Equations: Print and complete notes for section 4-5 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 4-5	November 23 rd @ 11:00 PM
	Lesson 4-6 Applications of Linear Equations, Percent Equations & Systems of Equations: Print and complete notes for section 4-6 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 4-6	November 23 rd @ 11:00 PM
14	Lesson 4-7 Relations and Functions: Print and complete notes for section 4-7 by watching video lecture posted on blackboard.	Assignment 4-7	November 25 th @ 11:00 PM
	Review 4 – covering lessons 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 4-6, and 4-7	Review 4	Does not have to be turned in but will get you ready for Exam 4
	<i>Thanksgiving Break Nov 26 - 28</i>		
15	Exam 4 (given in Blackboard using HONORLOCK). Please read the syllabus for directions on taking exams using HONORLOCK. There is also a video posted in Blackboard giving instructions. The exam will be open for 24 hours. You must complete the exam during the 24 hours it is open. Once you open the exam, you will have 2 hours to complete it within the 24 hours it is open. You will view the exam in Blackboard and write all of your work on paper to scan and upload.		The exam will open on Wednesday, December 3 rd at 6pm and will close on Thursday, December 4 th at 6pm.
	Final Exam Review	Final Exam Review	Does not have to be turned in but will get you ready for the Final Exam
	Final Exam: (given in Blackboard using HONORLOCK). Please read the syllabus for directions on taking exams using HONORLOCK. There is also a video posted in Blackboard giving instructions. The		

	<p>exam will be open for 24 hours. You must complete the exam during the 24 hours it is open. Once you open the exam, you will have 2 hours to complete it within the 24 hours it is open. You will view the exam in Blackboard and write all of your work on paper to scan and upload.</p> <p>The exam will open Monday, December 8th @ 6:00 PM and will close Tuesday, December 9th @ 6:00 PM.</p>
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South Plains College Common Course Syllabus: MATH 1350
Revised July 2023

Department: Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science

Discipline: Mathematics

Course Number: MATH 1350

Course Title: Fundamentals of Mathematics I

Available Formats: conventional and internet

Campuses: Levelland

Course Description: This course is intended to build or reinforce a foundation in fundamental mathematics concepts and skills. It includes the conceptual development of the following: sets, functions, numeration systems, number theory, and properties of the various number systems with an emphasis on problem solving and critical thinking.

Prerequisite: Successful completion with a grade of 'C' or better in MATH 1314.

Credit: 3 **Lecture:** 3 **Lab:** 0

Textbook: *A Problem Solving Approach to Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers*, Billstien, Libeskind, and Lott, 2018, 13th Edition, Pearson Education.

Supplies: Please see the instructor's course information sheet for specific supplies.

This course partially satisfies a Core Curriculum Requirement: Mathematics Foundational Component Area (020)

Core Curriculum Objectives addressed:

- **Communications skills**—to include effective written, oral and visual communication
- **Critical thinking skills**—to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- **Empirical and quantitative competency skills**—to manipulate and analyze numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of this course and receiving a passing grade, the student will be able to:

1. Explain and model the arithmetic operations for whole numbers and integers.
2. Explain and model computations with fractions, decimals, ratios, and percentages.
3. Describe and demonstrate how factors, multiples, and prime numbers are used to solve problems.
4. Apply problem-solving skills to numerical applications.

5. Represent and describe relationships among sets using the appropriate mathematical terminology and notation.
6. Compare and contrast structures of numeration systems.

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment: A pre- and post-test questions will be used to determine the extent of improvement that the students have gained during the semester

Course Evaluation: There will be departmental final exam questions given by all instructors.

Attendance/Student Engagement Policy: Attendance and engagement are the most critical activities for success in this course. The instructor maintains records of the student's attendance and submission of assignments throughout the semester. The student is expected to attend at least eighty percent (80%) of the **total** class meetings **and** submit at least eighty percent (80%) of the **total** class assignments to have the best chance of success. If the student fails to meet these minimum requirements, the instructor may remove the student from the class with an X, upon their discretion, to help the student from harming their GPA. If the student can not receive an X, the instructor will assign an F.

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Turning in a paper that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student, an online term paper site, or a mail order term paper mill;
2. Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation;
3. Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; or
4. Missing in-text citations.

Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion;
2. Discovering the content of an examination before it is given;
3. Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, internet, apps) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment;
4. Entering an office or building to obtain an unfair advantage;
5. Taking an examination for another;
6. Altering grade records;
7. Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment;
8. Rewriting another student's work in Peer Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
9. Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper.

Student Code of Conduct Policy: Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect from the student and the instructor. Neither the instructor nor the student should be subject to others' rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning behavior. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

For information regarding official South Plains College statements about intellectual exchange, disabilities, non-discrimination, Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations, CARE Team, and Campus Concealed Carry, please visit <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/syllabusstatements/>. South Plains College policies, return to campus plan, and protocols regarding COVID-19 can be found here: <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/emergency/covid19-faq.php>.

SPC Bookstore Price Match Guarantee Policy: If you find a lower price on a textbook, the South Plains College bookstore will match that price. The difference will be given to the student on a bookstore gift certificate! The gift certificate can be spent on anything in the store.

If students have already purchased textbooks and then find a better price later, the South Plains College bookstore will price match through the first week of the semester. The student must have a copy of the receipt and the book has to be in stock at the competition at the time of the price match.

The South Plains College bookstore will happily price match BN.com & books on Amazon noted as *ships from and sold by Amazon.com*. Online marketplaces such as *Other Sellers* on Amazon, Amazon's Warehouse Deals, *fulfilled by Amazon*, BN.com Marketplace, and peer-to-peer pricing are not eligible. They will price match the exact textbook, in the same edition and format, including all accompanying materials, like workbooks and CDs.

A textbook is only eligible for price match if it is in stock on a competitor's website at time of the price match request. Additional membership discounts and offers cannot be applied to the student's refund.

Price matching is only available on in-store purchases. Digital books, access codes sold via publisher sites, rentals and special orders are not eligible. Only one price match per title per customer is allowed.

Note: The instructor reserves the right to modify the course syllabus and policies, as well as notify students of any changes, at any point during the semester.