

# MIDDLE SCHOOL GREAT EXPLORATIONS IN MATHEMATICS (GEM)

## WHAT'S NEW FOR 2009-2010?

- 🍏 Semester exam window for the first semester exam is January 4 – January 14, 2010. All exams must be administered during this time.
- 🍏 Semester exam window for the second semester exam is May 24 – June 9, 2010. Second semester exams must be administered only during this window.
- 🍏 Exam security is imperative. Exams should not be viewed by ANYONE until the day they are administered. Exams should not be used to create review sheets for students. Exams should not leave the classroom. If parents would like to see their child's exam they can make an appointment for a conference with the math teacher and review the exam at that time.
- 🍏 Exams must be administered and graded in their entirety. All problems must be included in the grade and scores cannot be curved.
- 🍏 GEM 6 new course code is **1205020H**
- 🍏 GEM 6 will have **quarterly exams** rather than a first and second semester exam.
- 🍏 Best practices dictate that all GEM teachers be certified in mathematics grades 6-12. It is required of GEM 7 and GEM 8 teachers.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- 🍏 Make sure that all exam parameters are adhered to at your school.
- 🍏 Make sure that GEM 6 students have the correct course code number.
- 🍏 Make certain all GEM teachers are certified in mathematics grades 6-12.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- 🍏 Students' exam will be invalidated with no make-up exams.
- 🍏 Students may not meet promotion requirements.

## WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- 🍏 GEM teachers, GEM coordinators, Principals, Area Directors

## HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- 🍏 Emails to Principals and GEM Coordinators, Area Directors

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