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Honors Geometry

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How to take math class notes

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Be an active listener

- Pay attention
- Eyes and ears on the teacher
- Think about what is being discussed

Watch for teacher cues

- Teacher writes it...
- Teacher repeats it... ...*TAKE NOTES!*
- Teacher pauses or gets louder...
- Says:
 - "...this is important" ...
 - "...may be on the test" ...*TAKE NOTES!*
 - "...can be confusing" ...
- Lists things ("first", "1, 2, 3 ...", "3 ways...") ...*TAKE NOTES!*

Watch for class cues

- Take notes if others do
- Keep an eye on the good students

Important math things to take notes on

1. All new definitions: terms, symbols, theorems, formulas, etc
2. Example problems: all steps for problems not in the book
for probs in the book, any extra helpful info
3. Questions you have: put it here, ask for AND record the answer

What goes in right side

Detail side...

- Don't need complete sentences
- Abbreviations and short hand is OK
- Pictures, graphs, etc to help you understand

What goes in left side

Key idea side...

- Short summary/bullet statement of what is in the right side
- *ALL* new terms, symbols (defn and detail goes on right side)

Focus symbols

Special marks for important things: examples...

- * - remember this, special note, gonna be on the test
- ? - you don't understand it (and ask about it!)
- Underline, circle, etc.

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Use your notes!

- Review before starting homework or if stuck
- Review before quiz / test
- Rewrite if too messy or not clear
- Compare to information in math textbook

If you miss class

Get copy from a GOOD note taker