9th / 10th Grade Geometry Options: The Major Differences

|  | Geometry | Advanced Geometry |
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| Writing | Short answer on selected tests or quizzes to explain a topic but rare. | Short answer or proofs on most tests. <br> AP style questions on tests. <br> Must explain/interpret higher level concepts without numbers. Higher weighted questions will be multi-step problems. |
| Computation | Practice computation by hand and also given the support of the calculator to get to the answers. | Most topics are required to show all computation by hand. No calculator tricks. Calculator methods used only to check answers. |
| Formulas | Most, if not all, formulas will be given to the students. | Most, if not all, formulas will need to be memorized by the students. |
| Pace | 2-3 sections per week | 3-4 sections per week |
| Tests | 3-4 per six weeks <br> 14-18 questions: multiple choice and open ended. <br> Most pictures provided <br> Reviews and assignments mirror test questions. | 3-4 per six weeks <br> 15-20 questions: AP/college- level multiple choice and open ended. <br> Few pictures provided <br> Test questions are concept based <br> Must be finished during class period |
| Quizzes | 1-2 times a week <br> 3-4 questions <br> *5-10 mins <br> Notes allowed | 1-2 times a week <br> 4-7 questions: AP/college- level multiple choice and open ended. <br> *5-15 mins <br> No notes allowed |
| College Credit and GPA | No college credit or bonus GPA points | +5 points added to your GPA after successful completion of the course; no college credit |
| Concepts/Topics | TEKS needed for future math classes have a higher focus | Entirety of Geometric Units and TEKS are covered to support evidence base solutions (proofs) |

