

Welcome to Mrs. Komen's Mathematics Class

- Required Daily Materials
 - At least 2 pencils
 - Lined paper
 - Calculator (read the calculator section on page 2)
 - Graph paper is optional, but helpful
 - Textbook, if there is not a class set

- Homework
 - 2 points for on-time completed work
 - 1 point for late completed work
 - 0 points for only answer columns or no work at all
 - Once the chapter is finished, homework for that chapter can no longer be turned in
 - If you are absent, check Mrs. Komen's website to get your assignment:
<http://staff.hartdistrict.org/akomen>

- Notes
 - If you are absent, take your own notes from the book or copy from a friend
 - The note packet will be collected on the day of the chapter test
 - Each day's of notes counts as 2 points. No Notes = No Points.
 - Your note packets are to be stapled BEFORE you enter class
 - **Homework and Notes together equal 20% of your grade**

- Exams
 - **Chapter Tests and Quizzes equal 60% of your grade**
 - **The Final Exam is 20% of your grade**

- Grading Scale
 - A = 90-100%
 - B = 80-89%
 - C = 70-79%
 - D = 60-69%
 - F = 0-59%

Class Rules

- Cell phones and Music Devices that are *seen* or *heard* will be confiscated and will earn you a lunch detention. You may come back to Mrs. Komen's room at 3pm to get your device back.
- The class will not be dismissed unless the lesson is finished and the floor is clean.
- Respect your teacher, your peers, our classroom, and yourself at all times.
- To avoid ants and other critters lurking into our classroom, please no food or flavored beverages are allowed, unless you want a detention. Water is okay.
- All school discipline policies are in effect as well.

Calculators in Classes

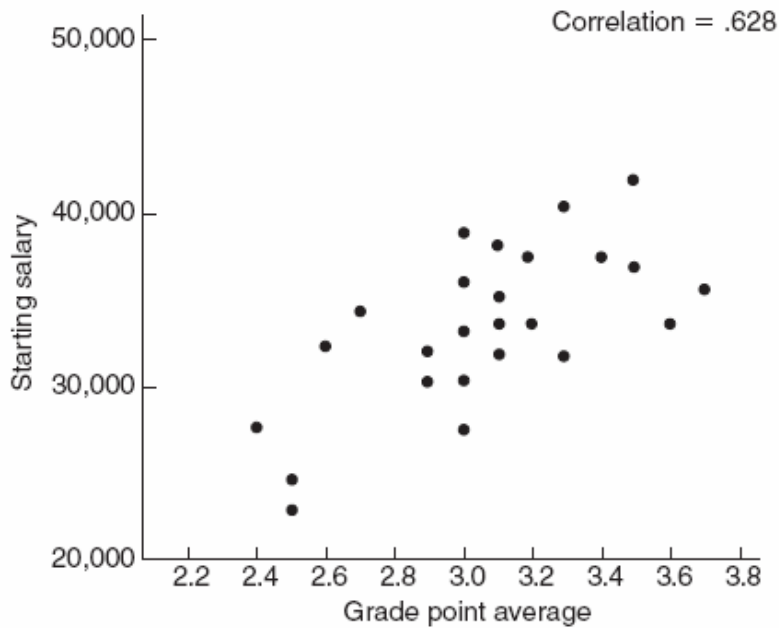
- Algebra A classes may not use a calculator.
- Algebra B and C classes may use a basic 8-Function calculator.
- Geometry, Algebra 2, Trigonometry, and Pre-Calculus classes may use a scientific calculator.
- Calculus classes are required to use a graphing calculator.
- Cell phones may not be used as a calculator on any assessment. The cell phone will be taken away if used during the assessment and the student will earn a zero on that assessment.

Re-takes

- There is one re-take test allowed for the entire semester. No quizzes.
- Re-takes are taken during lunch only.
- You must have at least 15 minutes of tutoring time with Mrs. Komen before you are allowed to re-take an exam. Since the end of the semester is when most people plan their re-takes, schedule your tutoring time in advance. **Advice:** If you get an F on test, study the chapter again, bring questions to Mrs. Komen, and then re-take it the next day. Chances are that you will forget the beginning chapters when you want to re-take that F test at the end of the semester.

Chapter Study Guides

- The one page study guide is intended to be your summary of the entire chapter, including, but not limited to:
 - Formulas and Vocabulary
 - Hints and Tips
 - Examples
- Create it *as if you could* use it on your exam. What would you put on the study guide?
- The study guide is stapled to the front of your notes packet.
- The assignment is optional, worth up to 5 points extra credit on your notes.



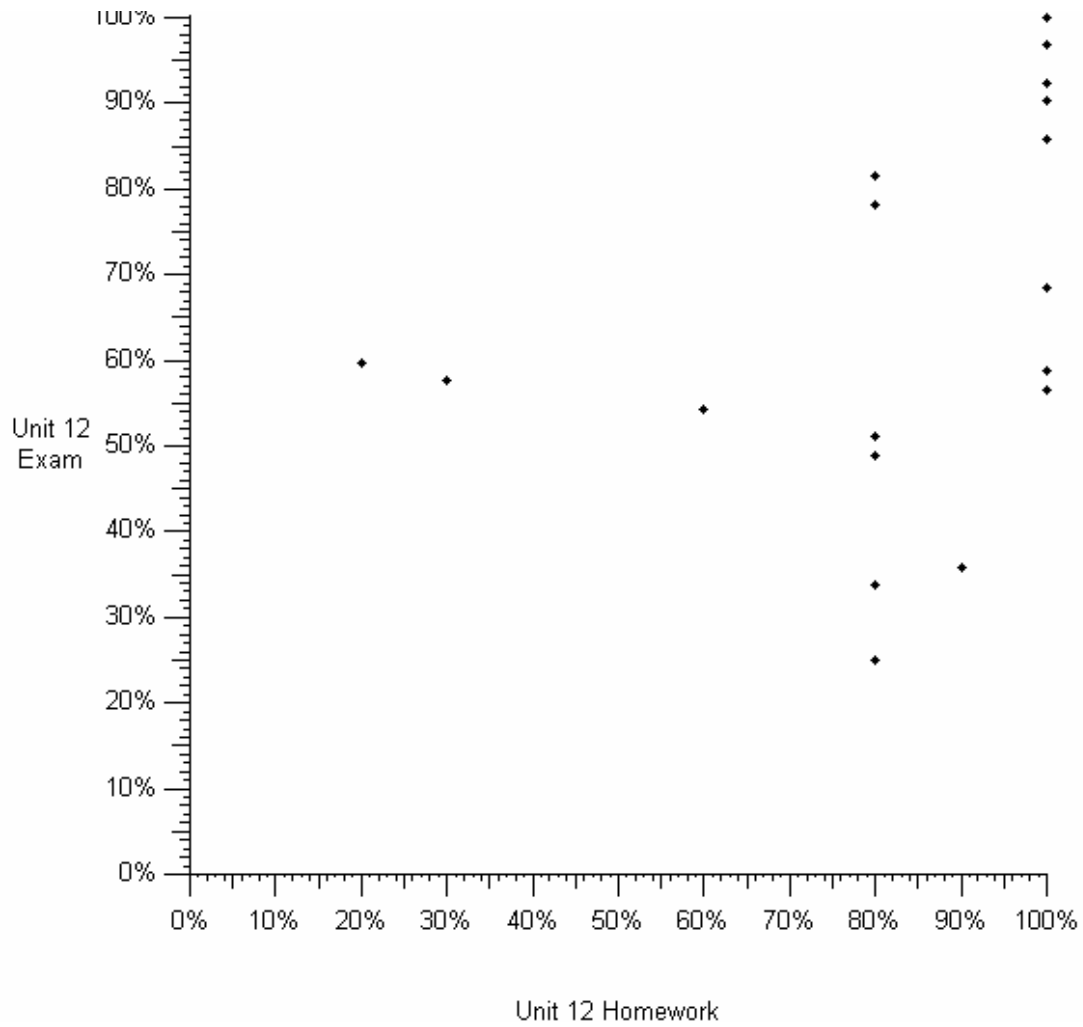
■ **FIGURE 15.5** A scatterplot of starting salary by grade point average

The above scatter plot shows a strong correlation between GPA and starting salary. Therefore, having a low GPA will typically mean that you will not make as much money as someone who has a higher GPA.

It's not too late to fix your future. Work NOW to improve your GPA and get the pay-off later. You'll thank yourself.

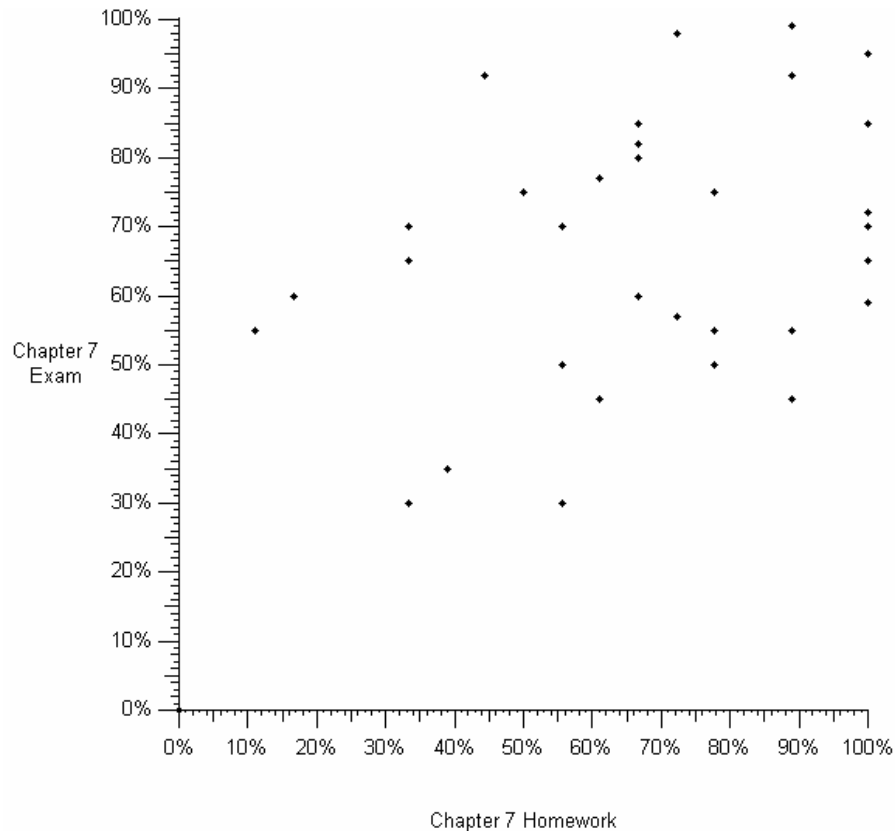
Turn the page to find out how...

Course Outline and Guidelines



The above scatter plot shows that just turning in your homework does not always mean that you know the material. Most of the students for Unit 12 turned in all of their homework, but only 5 of them really MASTERED their homework. Do you COMPLETE your homework or MASTER your homework???

Course Outline and Guidelines



For this scatter plot above, notice that the majority of students who had high homework scores also had high exam scores. The students who did not take the time to MASTER their homework were disappointed with their exam score.

TIPS ON HOW TO MASTER HOMEWORK TO ACE THE EXAM

- Write the question for each homework problem, word problems are optional.
- Always check your answers in the back of your book.
- When the answer is wrong, re-read your notes and examples from the book to figure out the answer. Look for a similar problem to copy the procedure.
- Ask questions during class or lunch.
- **You can't learn if you don't try! Math is an ever-building skill!**

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This half of the paper is for you and your parents.

Put it on your fridge.

Mrs. Komen's Contact Information:

Class Name: _____ **Period:** _____

Phone: 661-294-1188 x 1935

Email: akomen@hartdistrict.org (fastest way to get a hold of me)

Website: <http://staff.hartdistrict.org/akomen>

What's on the website? Homework assignments, grades, homework help, and much more. Please take a few minutes to explore.



Turn this half in tomorrow.

Student Name: _____ Period: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____