

The Ten Commandments of Math

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1. **T**hou shalt completely read thy problem.
2. **W**hatsoever thou doest to one side of ye equation, do ye also to the other side.
3. **T**hou must use thy common sense, else thou wilt have flagpoles 9,000 feet in height, yea . . . even fathers older than sons.
4. **T**hou shalt ignore the teachings of false prophets to do all work in thy head.
5. **W**hen thou knowest not, thou shalt look it up. If in thy search the solution still eludes thee, then and only then shalt thou ask thy All-Knowing teacher.
6. **T**hou shalt master each step before putting thy heavy foot down on the next.
7. **T**hy correct answer does not prove that thou hast worked thy problem correctly, if at all. This argument convincest none, least of all, thy Teacher.
8. **T**hou shalt first see that thou hast copied thy problem correctly before bearing false witness that the answer book lieth.
9. **T**hou shalt look back even unto thy youth and remember thy algebra.
10. **T**hou shalt learn, speak, write, and listen correctly in the language of mathematics, and verily, A's and B's shall follow thee even unto graduation.