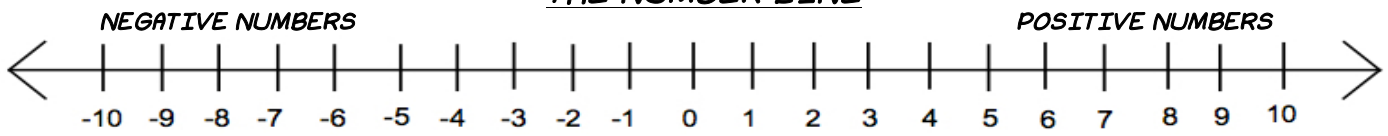
INTEGER CHEAT SHEET

Integers- A set of positive and negative whole numbers. They can be represented on a number line.

THE NUMBER LINE



Absolute Value- The distance a number is from zero on the number line. An absolute value is never negative. Examples: $|-5| = 5$ and $|5| = 5$

ADDING INTEGERS

SAME SIGN- Add and Keep the Sign!

Add the absolute value of the numbers and keep the same sign.

(positive) + (positive) = Positive

(+4) + (+5) = +9

(negative) + (negative) = Negative

(-4) + (-5) = -9

DIFFERENT SIGNS- Subtract and Keep the Sign of the Bigger Number!

Subtract the absolute value of the numbers and keep the sign of the bigger number.

(-4) + (+5) = +1
(+4) + (-5) = -1

SUBTRACTING INTEGERS

Do not subtract integers. You must change the signs:
"Add the Opposite"

KEEP- Keep the sign of the first number

CHANGE- Change the subtraction sign to addition

CHANGE- Change the sign of the second number to the opposite sign. If it is positive- change to negative. If it is negative- change to positive.

(+4) – (-4)

Keep change change
(+4) + (+4)

NOW USE THE RULES FOR ADDING:
SAME SIGN- Add absolute values and keep sign:

(+4) + (+4) = 8

MULTPLYING INTEGERS

SAME SIGNS- POSITIVE
Multiply the numbers. Answer will be positive.

(-5) × (-5) = +25

DIFFERENT SIGNS- NEGATIVE
Multiply the numbers. Answer will be negative

(+5) × (-5) = -25

DIVIDING INTEGERS

SAME SIGNS- POSITIVE
Divide the numbers. Answer will be positive.

(-5) ÷ (-5) = +1

DIFFERENT SIGNS- NEGATIVE
Divide the numbers. Answer will be negative

(+5) ÷ (-5) = -1