

## Stationery Supplies

**MY COMMENTS:** The four stationery items listed here are required for MAT 025. They can be purchased from most retail stores, including Walmart, Staples, Office Depot, Amazon, DCCC Bookstore, and others. Whether you buy these particular brands or something similar is up to you. However, read my comments for each piece before deciding on your purchase.

### 1) Mechanical Pencil

**MY COMMENTS:** A pencil is required for writing the math problems into your notebook. Using a regular pencil requires constant sharpening which is distracting to your –and other students’– concentration. Additionally, classrooms at DCCC do not have pencil sharpeners installed. Therefore, I suggest that you use a mechanical pencil instead. While you can buy any mechanical pencil that you like, I highly recommend the brand shown below. I have used this model for years and it is still working. It is more expensive than other mechanical pencils but is worth the extra price. I like the medium 0.7mm lead size but thinner (0.5mm) and thicker (0.9mm) lead sizes are also offered.

#### **Pentel Sharp Mechanical Pencil, 0.7mm, Blue Barrel, (P207C)**



### 2) Mechanical Pencil Lead Refills

**MY COMMENTS:** If you are buying the mechanical pencil mentioned above, then it makes sense to get the lead refill tube shown below. If you are getting another mechanical pencil brand, then also buy the same brand of lead refill. The size of the lead refills should match the lead size of the mechanical pencil.

#### **Pentel Super Hi-Polymer Lead, 0.7mm, 30 Pieces Refill Tube**



### 3) Eraser

**MY COMMENTS:** Erasers on mechanical pencils are tiny so a separate large eraser is necessary. While you can purchase any eraser that you like, I highly recommend the brand shown below. It erases clearly and lasts for an extended time. I use one myself.

#### **Pentel Hi-Polymer Latex Free Eraser**



### 4) Notebook

**MY COMMENTS:** The spiral bound notebook shown below is one type of notebook that you may use. This brand has a plastic front cover which makes it more durable than a paper board cover. Therefore, if you are getting a spiral bound notebook, I recommend purchasing one with a plastic front cover.

Alternatively, if you already purchased a three-ring binder, then that type of notebook is also acceptable.

**A pile of loose-leaf papers is not a notebook!** The blank pages must be bound into either type of notebook mentioned above.

#### **Norcom 80-Sheet Wide Rule Poly Notebook**

