

Pre-Calculus Honors (PCH) Classroom Polices

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The following describes the classroom policies and expectations for students in PCH. This course is designed to prepare students for an advanced placement calculus course. Learning targets will be presented to students for every unit. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with these procedures and review them with their parents or guardians and sign the attached form.

This course places a heavy emphasis on applications and modeling using various functions that were studied in algebra 2 w/trig honors. Students will learn to reason abstractly and quantitatively to construct viable arguments that support their work. The course will conclude with an introduction to calculus.

Note: These policies are for students without extenuating circumstances. If a student misses a significant amount of class due to an illness or other personal issue, a separate and individual plan will be developed with the student to help him/her succeed in this class.

Materials



Every day you will need to be prepared and organized. I will expect that you have the following supplies:

1. Required textbook (This one is heavy! Only bring it to class when instructed.)
2. TI-Nspire CX CAS calculator. This is essential because we will be using the calculator every day for instruction and activities. Please see me if you wish to rent a calculator for the school year.
3. Paper for notes (spiral or loose), three-ring binder or folder for handouts, homework, worksheets, and quizzes.
4. Graph paper – All graphs must be done on graph paper.
5. Pencil(s).

Expectations



Attendance: Success in this course greatly depends on regular attendance and participation in class. The school attendance policy will be followed. If you are absent, please visit Schoology to get class notes or handouts. If you know you will be absent, please see me in advance to get the necessary notes and/or handouts.

Tardiness: Please be respectful and make every effort to come to class on time. Excessive tardiness may result in detentions from the dean's office.

No food in class: You may bring water in plastic, sealable bottles only.

Work Hard: If your grade is borderline at the end of the semester you may receive the higher grade for working hard, participating in class, good attitude and leadership skills, and by completing all of your assignments.

Email Procedures: Email can be an efficient way to communicate, but please use your school email only. If you email me after 3:00 pm, I may not see your email until the next morning. If you have a concern that needs immediate attention, please come by the math office, room A209, before school.

Homework



An assignment sheet is provided for every chapter. It is your responsibility to follow the assignment sheet accurately.

- ◆ Homework is due the next class day unless otherwise indicated on the assignment sheet.
- ◆ Homework questions will be answered in class on the day the homework is due. It is essential that you use homework to help you learn the material. Worked out solutions will be posted on my website for you to check your work. If you miss class, you will need to go to TLC to get help on your homework.
- ◆ It is essential that students keep up with the homework. Homework quizzes are based on previous homework assignments and will be given at least once a week. The quizzes will be graded and students may use completed and corrected homework on these quizzes. On occasion I will check homework for completeness in class.
- ◆ If you are absent the day of a homework quiz, you will be excused from that quiz. Homework quizzes will not be made up due to the frequency that they occur.

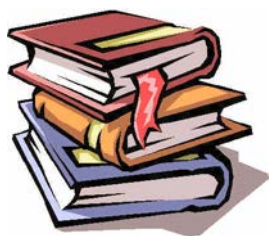
Assessments



Your grade will be based on the following breakdown: Tests and projects are worth 55%, Quizzes are worth 35%, and Homework is worth 10%. Schoology will be updated approximately every two weeks.

- ◆ All assessments will be listed on each assignment sheet. Tests and quizzes **must** be done in pencil. A 3% deduction will be taken on tests and quizzes not done in pencil.
- ◆ For each test and quiz there will be a non-calculator and a calculator section. Graded assessments will be reviewed with students 1-2 days after the assessment was given.
- ◆ Each student should be aware of the academic policy as stated in the student handbook. *Any student appearing to cheat will receive a failing grade on that assignment/assessment.* You have the responsibility not to give the impression that you are cheating at any time!

Makeup Procedures



- ◆ **Quizzes will not be made up**, but you may take it early. Your grade will be calculated without the missing quiz with no penalty imposed. Each semester your lowest quiz score will be dropped. If you have missed a quiz due to an authorized absence that quiz will count for your dropped quiz. If you do not want a missed quiz to count as your dropped one, then you can take the chapter replacement quiz after chapter test. This quiz will cover all the material from the chapter, but will be the same level of difficulty as any other quiz. You will only be allowed to drop one quiz a semester. There will be mini quizzes throughout the course. These quizzes will not be eligible to be dropped because of their low point value and frequency. If you miss more than one quiz in a semester you will be required to take the chapter replacement quizzes for those chapters. However, if your absence is unauthorized or you fail to take a required chapter quiz, you will receive a 50% for that quiz.
- ◆ Any assessment that needs to be made up will be placed in the Testing Center, A342. If you are only absent the day before a chapter test you are still required to take the test with the rest of the class barring any extenuating circumstances. No new material is introduced on review days. If you are absent the day of the test, you are required to take the test when you return to school unless other arrangements have been made.

Please review these policies with a parent or guardian and have them sign this form. Return this form to Mrs. Maita by August 23rd (this Friday).

I have read and understand the classroom policies for Precalculus Honors.

Name of Student (print): _____

Signature of Student: _____

Name of Parent (print): _____

Signature of Parent: _____