

PreCalculus Classroom Policies (2019-2020)



Welcome to PreCalculus! I am excited to work with all of you, and I hope we can get to know one another throughout the year. If you work hard and apply a positive attitude, the knowledge you gain from this course will not only help you advance in math, but will help you gain the skills necessary to problem solve and think critically about the world around you.

To be successful in this course, I expect you to:

- Be respectful towards your teacher and your classmates
- Participate and persevere in problem-solving
- Show up prepared and on time each day to class
- Be responsible for your learning
- Have academic integrity



In return, you can expect me to provide a safe and respectful learning environment and provide frequent feedback to you throughout the course of the year. If you have concerns at any time, please communicate them with me so we can make this a great year.

Materials you should bring to each class:

- A notebook and 3-Ring Binder are recommended for this course as handouts will be given regularly
 - TI-NSpire CX CAS calculator (charged)
 - Pencil will be required on all assessments
 - Pen to self-correct
 - Textbook: *PreCalculus: Mathematics for Calculus* by Stewart, Redlin, and Watson, 6th edition
- *this can be left at home unless I ask you to bring it in*



Absences:

- It is your responsibility to get all missed notes and assignments from class whenever you are absent. In the event of a prearranged absence, it is expected you get the work ahead of time for the days you will miss
- Students with absences the day before a quiz/test will take the quiz/test on the scheduled date
- Assignment guides handed out in class are only a guide. Check Schoology for the most up-to-date list of assignments to be sure you are caught up with the rest of the class.

Phones/Email:

- Cell phones are not allowed to be out or used in the classroom at any time without teacher permission. Outside of class, I expect you to regularly check your school email as this is how I will communicate assignment changes and other important class updates with you.



Tardies:

- I care a lot about starting class on time. If you are late from another class, bring a pass from your teacher. If your tardiness is unexcused, you will receive the following consequences:
 - 1st tardy = verbal warning
 - 2nd tardy = 7:45am detention
 - 3rd tardy = 7:30am detention
 - 4th tardy and subsequent = Dean referral

Grades:

- This course is graded on a semester basis, and grades will not be considered for rounding until the end of the semester. It is your responsibility to check Infinite Campus regularly to be aware of your grade.
- 80% of your final semester grade will be made up of the work you completed in both quarters and 20% will come from your grade on the final exam. Your grade each quarter will be broken down into the following categories:
 - Tests: 60%
 - Mini Quizzes & Take-Home Assignments: 30%
 - Homework & Other In-Class Assignments: 10%

Homework:

- Homework assignments are designed to provide you with *quality* practice, not *quantity* of problems. It is my expectation that you put your best effort into completing the problems yourself as an accurate representation of your understanding of the material thus far. Solutions will be posted on my website, but you should only use these to correct/fix your work once you have attempted each problem.
- Homework will be checked in class or collected periodically.
- Homework that contains solutions only with no supporting work will not be awarded any credit.
- You will find the most success in this class if you use your homework to assess what you know, then set up a time to meet with me or visit the Learning Center for clarification on the concepts you're struggling with.



Quizzes and Tests:

- Short quizzes will be given weekly unless otherwise announced. Tests will be announced in advance according to the assignment guide.
- Quizzes will be returned to students to help prepare for upcoming tests. Tests cannot leave the school with the students, but they will be kept on file so students can use them to prepare for final exams.
- Students are allowed to retake tests at the discretion of the teacher.

Extra Support:

I welcome you to come in at any time for help (our office is in A209). I appreciate advance notice if you want to meet with me, but you are also welcome to stop by at any time to see if I am available. The Learning Center is also a great resource for math support. They are open every day before, during, and after school.