

Algebra 1 Survey

Course expectations and policies

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Course Description

In this course, you will study various algebraic topics that include the following: linear equations and inequalities, systems of linear equations & inequalities, properties of exponents, radicals, quadratic equations, and graphing various functions. We will also engage in interactive activities and games, because believe it or not, learning Math is and should be FUN!! ☺

Materials

- Textbook: There will not be a textbook used for this course.
- Math binder (purchased at the bookstore)
- Looseleaf paper
- Paper, pens, and pencils.
- A handheld TI-Nspire Calculator (TI-Nspire CX CAS)
- Chromebook

Attendance

In order to be successful in any math class, attendance and class participation at every class period is essential. Excessive tardies and absences will not be tolerated and may result in a lowering of the grade.

Work missed due to an excused absence may be made up as follows:

- One day for each day of excused absence to make up homework
- Tests and quizzes will be in the Testing Center (A342) or with your case manager for you to complete as soon as you are back at school.

Unexcused absences will not guarantee makeup work.

Grading

Grades will be determined by a variety of mediums throughout the quarter such as homework, class work, and assessments (quizzes and tests). I grade on a semester basis, which means that Q1 and Q2 are NOT separately graded, and your grade will be calculated at the end of the semester.

Semester Work

Videos and Notes	20% of semester work
Classwork (entry/exit slips and group work)	15% of semester work
Online Quizzes	10% of semester work
Tests	55% of semester work

Final Grade

Semester Grade	80% of final grade
Final Exam	20% of final grade

Grades will regularly be posted on Schoology, which you may check at any time. I encourage everyone to be vigilant in checking his/her grade on Canvas should there be an error in entering the score, etc.

Website/Learning Management System

For this course, we will use our Learning Management System, which is Schoology. All materials for the course including class notes, homework, solutions, review packets, quizzes etc. can be found on Schoology. Additionally, all grades will be posted on Schoology. Access Schoology at the following link: <https://lms.dist113.org>.

Communication

Communication will take place through messages on Schoology, emails, and reminders through the Remind app. It is like sending text messages without exchanging phone numbers. You need to check your email at least once a day after to school in case there are any last minute changes.

Flipped Classroom

The majority of this course will function as a flipped classroom. What does this mean? In a traditional classroom, you learn the material in school, and go home and practice. In a flipped classroom, you will watch videos at home to learn the material, and then come to school the next day ready to practice. Being part of a flipped classroom requires a lot of dedication, focus, and perseverance. If you put in the work, you will succeed.

Homework

The majority of homework in this course will be to watch videos to learn the current objective. A typical video will be 10 minutes long, and you will be required to fill in a note sheet while watching the video. Additionally, there will be 2-3 practice problems to complete based on the lesson for you to try on your own before coming to class. I am able to view who has watched the videos. If you do not watch the video and fill in your note sheet, you will receive a 0 for that lesson. The only way to succeed in a flipped classroom is to watch the videos every night, and come to class ready to put what you watched into action.

Classwork

Every day when you come to class, you are expected to work hard for the whole period, and have all of your class materials (calculator, binder, note sheet). After you watch a video for homework, you will come to class the next day to practice. We will also have a variety of games and activities during class to reinforce the material, and your participation is necessary to understand all of the material, and ensure it is successful.

Quizzes

After each day of practice, you will take a quiz on each of the objectives in the unit. The quiz will be located on Schoology, and you will have two attempts on each quiz, and the higher score will count. All attempts are due the day of the unit test.

Tests


Unit tests will be the main form of summative assessments. The dates for these assessments will be posted on the unit calendar distributed at the beginning of each unit and on Schoology. If you are absent on a review day, you are still required to take the assessment on its scheduled day. If you are absent on the day of a test or quiz, you will be required to make up the assessment in the Testing Center (Room A342) or with your case manager following the makeup guidelines in this document.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are not to be used in the classroom, unless you are using it for educational purposes, or it is a part of the activity. If you are caught using your phone, first you will receive a warning. Any subsequent offenses will result in a referral to the Dean's Office.

Additional Help

The following chart displays times when I am available for extra help in the Math Department office (Room A209). Additionally, The Learning Center (Room B203) is open every period with teachers and students to assist you. The Learning Center has a homework club afterschool Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with a math teacher ready to help. ☺

Giant Days (Mon, Tues, Fri)			Blue Days (Wed)			White Days (Thurs)		
Period	Woldeit	Hicks	Period	Woldeit	Hicks	Period	Woldeit	Hicks
Before	By appt.	A107	Before	No	No	Before	By appt.	By appt.
1	Class	Class	4	Class	A226	5	Class	A107
2	A209	A107	2	A209 (no B)	A107	1	Class	Class
3	A209	A226	8	Class	Class	3	A209 (not B)	A226
4	Class	A226	6	No	A107	9	Class	Class
5	Class	A107	After	No	No	7	By appt.	By appt.
6	A209	No				After	By appt.	By appt.
7	A209	A107						
8	Class	Class						
9	Class	Class						
After	By appt.	By appt.						