

### **Algebra 1 Policies and Class Expectations (2019-2020)**

Welcome to Algebra! I am excited to work with all of you and 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:**

- Completed homework
- 3-Ring Binder, as handouts will be given regularly
- TI-NSpire CX CAS calculator
- Chromebook
- Pencil to complete all assessments
- Pen for corrections

#### **Absences:**

- It is your responsibility to get all missed notes and assignments from class when 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. Visit Schoology for the most up-to-date list of assignments to be sure you are caught up with the rest of the class.
- Students have 2 days to makeup tests. The test will be placed in the testing center the day that the student is absent. The student should plan on taking the assessment as soon as he or she returns to school.

#### **Tardies:**

- Out of respect for classmates and teacher, students are expected to make every effort to get to class on time. Not only does tardiness cause disruptions to the learning environment, but it also results in missing important information and/or instruction at the start of class. It is a student's responsibility to obtain a pass for excused tardies. Excessive tardiness may result in detentions.

#### **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.

### **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 by the following categories:
  - 10% Homework and Homework-Based Assessments
  - 90% Assessments

### **Homework:**

- An assignment sheet with all of the problem sets and their due dates will be assigned for each chapter. These sheets are made to help you prepare for the assignments as well as the tests, but they are only a guide and may be changed in class and will be updated online.
- 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.
- Any solutions posted in Schoology should only be used to correct/fix your work once you have attempted each problem.
- Homework will be periodically checked for completion, graded, collected, and/or given a mini-quiz on. Regularly completed assignments will be necessary in order to retake any unit test.
- Homework that contains answers 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 communicated in class. Quizzes may be announced or announced. Tests will be announced in advance according to the updated 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 who arrive late to class without a pass will not be given additional time to work on the quizzes or tests.
- Students cannot retake quizzes and will not be able to make up missed quizzes. A student's test score will be used for missed quiz scores. Students are allowed to retake tests at the discretion of the teacher, after completing all homework and review assignments. Retakes must be completed within one week of the test being handed back.

### **Extra Support:**

Don't hesitate to go to the Learning Center (TLC) for extra help, to check the answers on your homework, or to work in a small group. The Learning Center is open every day before, during and after school. You are always welcome to set-up a time to meet with me during one of my free periods: 2, 3, 4, and 8. I am also available before and after school upon request. My office is located in A209. Additional help is also offered through Homework Club which meets after school Monday through Wednesday in TLC.