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Conference Time 12:45-1:35

**Welcome to High School and Algebra 1!**

Algebra 1 is the most important math class you will ever take. Every math class after Algebra 1 is built upon the skills learned in this class. Even the second semester of this class builds upon the first semester! You will also use Algebra in your Science and Business classes. To be successful in these classes, you must be proficient in Algebra! I hope you will take every opportunity this year to learn and develop excellent Algebra skills. I am looking forward to a great year!

**Topics to be covered:**

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| First Semester  Introduction to Algebra  Laws of Exponents  Simplifying Radical Expressions  Functions  Solving Equations  Linear Equations | Second Semester  Solving Systems of Equations  Inequalities  Graphing Quadratic Equations  Multiplying and Factoring Polynomials  Solving Quadratic Equations  Solving Exponential Equations |

**Supplies Needed:**

\*Dry erase markers \*Binder \*colored pens

\*Pencils/Erasers \*box of tissues \*spiral/notebook paper

\*\*There is a class set of TI-84+ calculators for students to use in the classroom. (Students can check a calculator out from the library for use at home. Forms are available in the library; a parent signature is required.)

**Textbooks**: Textbooks will be checked out to each student *upon request*.

**Classroom Expectations**

1. Respect yourself and others
2. Come prepared
3. Be in your seat when the bell rings
4. Always do your best work

\*Phones and music may not be out or in use unless a student receives permission.

* 1st time – phone is taken up and given back at the end of class
* 2nd time – phone is taken up and given to their house office

**Late Assignments**

Late Assignments will be accepted no later than the end of the unit. For each day that the assignment is late, ten points will be deducted each day for the first three days. After three days, the maximum grade will be 70%.

**Grading**

Grades will be weighted with the following percentages:

* Formative Grades: Classwork, Homework, Quizzes: 30%
* Summative Grades: Tests, Projects: 70%

Work **MUST** be shown on **ALL** assignments. If students do not show their work on an assignment, credit will not be given on those problems.

**NO WORK NO CREDIT!!!!**

**Final Examination**

Each semester, a cumulative exam will be given during the period designated by the semester exam schedule. This schedule will be posted at the end of each semester

**Tutorials**

Students are expected to come in for tutoring as often as necessary to keep up with course work. Students do not necessarily have to see their own teacher for tutoring. Tutoring is offered every morning, **7:00-7:20,** and afternoon, **2:30 to 3:15**. Additional tutoring times may be arranged with individual teachers. Tutoring schedules are posted in the hallways for your referral.

**Re-test Policy**

Students who make less than 80% are allowed to retest for a maximum grade of 80%. Prior to the retake, the student must attend at least one mandatory tutoring session. Additional tutoring sessions may be required if the teacher feels the student is not prepared to retest. **All retests along with the required tutorial session(s) must be completed within 1 week of the return of the graded test.**

**Absences**

* If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the work and notes that you missed. You have one day per day you are absent to turn in make-up work in order to receive full credit.
* If you miss class the day before a test and knew about the test; you will be expected to take the test as scheduled. If you have missed two or more days before a test and return the day of the test, make arrangements with your teacher to take the test at a later date.
* If you are absent for an extra-curricular activity, you are responsible for getting your work BEFORE you are absent.