**Welcome to Algebra 1!**

**Equipment Requirements**

* Binder section for Math with 4 dividers
* Scientific Calculator
* Graph paper
* Pencil with eraser
* Paper

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Attendance- When scheduled, show up on time!  If sick, check with friend to see the sections covered, look in text to find any instruction you might need, then attempt assignment listed on that date.  You can communicate with my by email.  Please stay as caught up as possible. All information will be on my website.

Preparedness - It is essential that you have your equipment, text book, assignments and binder with you each class.  The assigned reading or research needs to be completed and you need to be on time.  Your preparedness for work may be evaluated by periodic, random scored activities.

Openers - On arrival an “opener” activity will open the day’s work and help you focus.  By the time we start class, all preparatory work will be completed and “opener” will be well underway.  This activity *may* be a “scored opener” on the previous night’s reading or assignment.

Class notes - This section in your math binder will include any class discussion notes and examples to refer to when completing assignments. Include date and name on all notes. All definitions should be highlighted in yellow.  A constant use of your Classwork section will help YOU take responsibility for your learning.

“Study Team” Activities, Investigations, and Board work - These help create a multifaceted experience.  Each Study Team or partner task has specific learning goals and is structured to have you share ideas and work together toward a common goal.  The more responsibility you take to do your part, ask your questions or share your approach, the more powerful this aspect of the job is to your eventual success.  These activities may be scored in many different ways.

Homework - This work is to be done individually outside of the classroom.  Homework allows you to take responsibility for mastering the concepts covered.  Homework is assigned EVERY class and due at the beginning of the next class.  Check your answers with the answers provided (back of textbook) and mark problems you are struggling with. We will take up difficult problems the next day. Be sure to SHOW ALL YOUR WORK while completing your homework. Random homework checks will be done throughout the year.

Homework is 10% of your grade.

Quizzes - Small quizzes are used to evaluate understanding of a previous night’s/week’s homework. Larger quizzes are used to evaluate your progress on a portion of your current work.

These are 20% of your grade.

Tests and any out of class projects - Tests are given to evaluate your mastery of the material.  You may expect 1-3 each grading period. “Projects” are an outside of class task designed as a bridge to connect math to the real world.  Time allowed for completion varies but **NO LATE PROJECTS ACCEPTED.**

Together these are 55% of your grade.

Final Project/Exam: Cumulative for the semester content

This test is 15% of your semester grade.

You may also make arrangements with me to **make corrections** to a test if your first effort results in an inconsistently low score.  This is a privilege, not a right, and is not available for all tests.   If correcting a test, the following is required: (1) complete a written error analysis; (2) hand in the corrections within the same week as the test is handed back. **You may earn up to 80% (B-) on a retake.**