

Algebra 1

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Read the course expectations and requirements. If you have any questions, please let me know. Return the last page with the required signatures by Friday, September 1st and retain the first two pages for reference.

Algebra 1 is a challenging but interesting course that covers the fundamentals that will serve as building blocks for a variety of other math courses. Beyond the mathematics skills and concepts, you will learn the importance of problem solving, organization, and how to be a successful student at Sentinel High School.

Linear Functions
Equations and Inequalities
Systems of Equations
Exponential Functions
Statistics
Polynomials
Quadratic Functions

What is Expected of me in class?

In order for the classroom to run smoothly and for all students to feel safe and comfortable please remember:

Be Respectful	respect yourself, others, and the classroom
Be Responsible	come to class on time and prepared
Be Engaged	do your best and don't be afraid to make a mistake; actively participate

At the beginning of class...

- Put your phone in the caddy
- Correct homework
- Complete warm up activity
- Show me the work that is due

During class...

- Participate—be an active & engaged learner
- Ask questions
- Passes will be limited—no passes the first or last 15 minutes of class or during instruction.

At the end of class...

- Do not pack up early and do not line up at the door
- Wait to be excused
- Turn in exit ticket, if necessary.
- Phones can be accessed when excused.

What if I'm Absent or Need Help?

If you need help, please make sure to see me as soon as possible. Math is sequential and it is vital to stay on top of the learning targets and practice.

It is crucial that you are in class every day. A day missed is a lesson lost. If you miss a class, there are several ways to find out what you missed:

1. Google Classroom: A brief description of the day's objectives and activities will be on Google Classroom, as well as any assignments for the day. Please make yourself familiar with what is and what is not available.
2. Set up a time to meet with me. Lunch or before school is best. I am also available during 6th and 7th periods.
3. Other resources: Ask a friend, see the assignment board in class, look in class crate for any handouts missed

If you miss a quiz or a test, you are expected to make that up upon your return.
Please refer to the student handbook for details on make-up work timeline.

Academic Honesty

Per the student handbook, any form of cheating will result in a zero for the assignment, test, or quiz.

Cheating can be any of the behaviors from this non-exclusive list: looking at someone else's work, letting someone look at your work, having your phone out, or using PhotoMath or other programs. Remember: Your good name and reputation is worth far more in life than a couple points in math class.

Materials

You are expected to come to class prepared every day.

Passes will not be given for forgetting supplies and assignments. Come every day with the following:

- ✓ Binder (2 inch) – for notes and handouts
- ✓ Pencils
- ✓ 2 folders with pockets – for turning in work
- ✓ Calculator

Graphing Calculator is best and will be required in Algebra 2, but a scientific calculator is sufficient for Algebra 1. Phones MAY NOT be used in class as a calculator.

Electronics Policy

Per school policy:

- All students are expected to put their cell phone/device in the cell phone caddy as they enter the room. Devices are to remain in the caddy for the duration of the period.
- You may not take your phone with you when leaving the classroom with a hall pass.
- Earbuds (AirPods, headphones, etc) are prohibited in class.

Grading

Practice: 30% of Final Grade

Practice includes: daily work, participation, homework, warm ups, exit tickets, etc.

- Homework will be checked for completeness at the beginning of class (1-5).
If a student receives less than a 5, they can complete the work for more points, if done by the day of the test.
- Homework will not be accepted after a unit assessment.
- Homework Folders contain practice from the previous week. All work will be turned into the folder and turned in to the clear tubs on the front table. 2-5 problems will be checked on accuracy. Make sure you are correcting and fixing your homework daily. *Collecting work on Tuesday allows you to fix and finish homework prior to turning it in.*
- Homework folders will be turned in on Tuesdays, with the exception of:
 - Weeks where there is no school on Monday. In this case, homework folders will be turned in on block day
 - Test days. Homework folders will be turned in on the day of a test with current and any missing work.
- *Late folders will be accepted up until the unit assessment for a maximum grade of 80%.*

Assessments: 70% of Final Grade

- Quizzes: 25 – 50 points; Tests: 100 points
- Retake Requirements:
 1. All homework is completed prior to retake.
No credit will be granted on the homework completed after the initial assessment.
 2. Corrections are completed on the initial assessment. These must be done in the classroom at lunch, before school, or during a study hall.
 3. Other practice, as needed.

Retake deadlines will be provided when assessments are returned.

The retake score replaces initial score.

Additional Information for Parents

ways you can help

1. Make sure your child comes to school prepared and ready to learn. If they miss school, encourage them to check google classroom for notes and assignments they missed. If they can get a head start before returning, that will help! If you have an extended absence planned, please let me know as soon as possible.
2. Remind your child to complete their work and to prepare for assessments. Remind them to take advantage of retakes!
3. If your child is struggling, encourage them to get help. The sooner, the better!
4. Regularly check your child's grades on Infinite Campus to help hold them accountable. A blank space in my gradebook is calculated as a zero and is missing. Once a "0" is entered into the gradebook, it will no longer be accepted.
5. Ask them questions! See what they are doing in class 😊

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My Schedule

1 st	Algebra 1
2 nd	Algebra 1
3 rd	Building Sub
4 th	Prep
5 th	Building Sub
6 th	Honors Geometry
7 th	Building Sub

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Parent Name(s): _____ Parent Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Homework:

Does your child have a cell phone that they will bring to school? _____

Please tell me about your child!! Anything that you would like to share, please include!