

Pre-Algebra

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Course Description - This course offers a review of general mathematics and the foundational principles and practices of Algebra 1 or Math 1.

Teacher Expectations

- Teacher will be come to class prepared to teach.
- Teacher will assign homework and collect homework daily.
- Teacher will make and correct projects, quizzes, and tests.

Student Expectations

- Student will arrive on time to class and be prepared to work.
- Student will bring all necessary materials to class each day – pencil, paper, and textbook and related workbooks.
- Student will complete all assignments and turn them in when due.
- Student will seek additional help from teacher or tutor when necessary.
- Student will file all completed work until the end of the semester.
- Student will be responsible to get missed assignments when absent.
- Student will dress and act appropriately – abiding by all policies of the school.

Parent Expectations

- Parent will help make sure students arrive each day, on time, and ready to work.
- Parent will help to make sure that all assignments are completed and turned in on time.
- Parent will help students or get them help to complete all assignments.
- **Parent will oversee the correction of homework assignments – indicating the number of missed problems on each one.**
- Parent will contact the teacher with any concerns or problems.

Classroom Policies

Attendance and Tardies: Students can earn up to 3 points each day for attendance, promptness, and participation. If they are tardy to class they will lose one of the points. Classes begin on the hour or half hour and students must be in their seats ready to work or they are tardy.

Absences: One point is given each day for attendance. Attendance at every class is very important given the nature of the subject. Missing a day means missing the instruction for one or two lessons from the text. If absence cannot be avoided, the student has the responsibility for getting the assignment from the teacher or another student. If they are absent they get 0 points for the day for attendance, promptness and participation. These cannot be made up.

Planned absences must be discussed well in advance and arrangements made with the teacher. If a student does not make arrangements prior to the planned absence, work will be considered as being turned in late and will be subject to the late homework policy.

Homework: Assignments for the week will be given each day and they will be due at my discretion. To get credit they must be completed and scored. Parents are encouraged to check with the student each day and make sure there is a plan in place to complete all the assignments. Students can expect about 3-4 hours of homework each week. Homework will be docked 5% for each day late up to a maximum of 20%. However, no homework can be turned in late past the of each learning period unless a student is absent during the week before the period ends and then they will have until the Monday following the end of the period. In case of absence due to illness, students will be given adequate time to make up the work without penalty.

Grades: Grades will be based on points earned.

- Students can earn up to 3 points per class period for attendance, promptness, and participation. One point for each. These points will account for 10% of their grade.
- Homework assignments will normally be worth between 15-30 points each and will be scored based on the number correct. Getting 8 correct out of 15 would be a score of 8 points. These points will account for 30% of their grade.
- Tests, quizzes, and projects will be worth from 50-100 points each. On test (not quizzes or projects) students will be given opportunity to re-work missed problems and if correct they will be awarded points for the correction. Corrections will be due by the end of the week following the test. Tests, quizzes, and projects will make up 60% of the total grade.

Semester grades will be determined according to the following percentages.

A+	97-100%	C+	77-79%
A	94-96%	C	74-76%
A-	90-93%	C-	70-73%
B+	87-89%	D+	67-69%
B	84-86%	D	64-66%
B-	80-83%	D-	60-63%