

Algebra I Classroom Policies and Requirements

2021-22

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Required Materials

- ✓ Bring a **pencil** to class everyday.
 - ✓ A **scientific calculator** to be kept at home.
(A graphing calculator TI-84 plus will be used later in the course. It is not necessary to have a graphing calculator at that point. A classroom set will be provided. But, it is used extensively in Algebra II and Precalculus, so purchasing one for the end of the year may not be a bad idea.)
 - ✓ **3-Ring Binder** or a **3-Subject Notebook**.
 - ✓ **Earbuds or Headphones** that can be used with school issued computer.
- * If you are unable to obtain any of the above items for any reason, please contact the teacher so alternate arrangements can be made.**

Class Rules

- **Tardies:** Students must be in the classroom when the bell rings. Failure to do so without a pass will result in an unexcused tardy.
3 unexcused tardies = 1 unexcused absence.
- **Food:** No Food or Drink allowed. (with the exception of clear bottled water with no sweetener.) Abuse of the food policy will result in food being thrown away.
- **Cell Phones:** Cell phones may not be used during class time unless otherwise indicated by the teacher. Students may be asked to place phones in the holder in the back of the room during testing or if cell phones become a class distraction.
- **Headphones:** Headphones, earbuds, airpods, and any other listening devices of any kind are prohibited during lecture, tests and quizzes. They are to be out of sight, unless being used in a lesson.
- **Hall Passes:** The expectation is that students ask for a hall pass no more than 3 times in a quarter. Hall Passes are for emergencies only. Students must scan in and out of class using the QR Code by the door.
- **Dismissal:** All students are to be sitting in a desk when the bell rings. The bell does not dismiss students, the teacher does. (Students who continually line up at the door at the end of the hour will lose participation points.)

**** All school rules, as outlined in the Student and Parent Handbook apply in this room.**

Consequences

There are consequences for breaking or abusing any of the above stated rules. School rules will be enforced using the policies outlined in the handbook. Classroom rules will be upheld in the following manner based on the severity of the problem.

1. Warning – student will receive a verbal warning regarding his or her actions. Participation points may be taken away for breaking any of the above rules, per teacher discretion.
 2. Conference with student – After a student has received a warning, then consequences will be discussed with the student.
 3. Phone call to parents – Problem and a plan for correction will be discussed.
 4. Referral – Referrals to one of the Assistant Principals will be submitted if the problem persists.
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Teacher Expectations

- If a student misses school, it is their responsibility to get caught up. That means first looking at Schoology to see what was missed. Then, if needed, look at extra help videos or attend Lunch/After School Tutoring. There are certain activities that are considered participation points that may have to be made up after school, or may not be made-up at all. (Such as warm-ups.)
- If a student is absent the day before or day of a quiz or test, they will be expected to take the quiz or test upon their return to class.

If a student has a school approved absence or planned vacation, they must get their work ahead of time. A student has as many days as they were absent to turn in make up work. If the absence is unexcused, the student will receive 0% credit for any participation, make up assignments, tests, or quizzes for that day. If you are suspended, you will receive 0% credit for any participation grades, but full credit for any assignments, tests, or quizzes for that day. Students may be put on CREDIT REVIEW after 10 unapproved absences.

- If a student has a concern about their grades or for any other reason, it is expected that they contact the teacher by staying after class or leaving a note on the teacher's desk or via email. It is not expected that parents contact the teacher about an issue before the student does.
- It is expected that students try their very best to learn the material, which means they never quit trying.

Grades

Quarter Grades are made up of 80% Assessments and 20% Participation.

Letter Grades will be calculated based off of the following scale.

A	94 – 100	B+	87 – 89	C+	77 – 79	D+	67 – 69
A–	90 – 93	B	83 – 86	C	73 – 76	D	63 – 66
		B–	80 – 82	C–	70 – 72	D–	60 – 62
						F	0 – 59

Semester grades are calculated 40% for each quarter and 20% for the semester exam. Grades will be calculated based off the combined percent. In order to receive a passing semester grade, a student must score at least a 60% and must pass two out of the three grades.

Two F's = **Fail** and/or Less than a 60% = **Fail**

Types of Grades

Assessments – An Assessment can be a Test, Quiz, or a Project. There will be a Quiz every couple of days, Unit Tests at the appropriate times, and Projects periodically. Unit tests are cumulative and are given a couple of times a quarter. Quizzes and tests will have extra credit offered. If you are absent, you will not be given a chance to do this extra credit on a makeup test.

Participation – participation points will be given for in class activities, some assignments, and skills quizzes.

Points may be deducted for the following behaviors:

- Not participating
- Not completing a Lesson
- Sleeping
- Using cell phone inappropriately
- Being disruptive
- Using the hall pass excessively
- Unexcused Tardy and missing some of the lesson or warm up
- Any other behavior deemed inappropriate during class time by the teacher

Assignments – There will be assignments for each section. After an assignment, there will be a skills quiz the next day. Students will be allowed to use their assignments on their skills quizzes. Skills quizzes will be part of the Participation grade.

Extra Credit – will only be offered periodically on tests, quizzes, and for participating during certain activities that are considered extra credit during class.

NO ADDITIONAL EXTRA CREDIT WILL BE OFFERED.

One Note

Teams, One Note and Big Ideas will be used extensively in this class. Ideally, those students with phones will be expected to have the One Note App downloaded to their phones. If a phone is not available, then One Note can be accessed using a computer. Any student that is having trouble with the One Note App at any time must contact the teacher and ask for help.

SOME IMPORTANT FAQS:

- Students are **not allowed to have extra time on tests and quizzes** unless special arrangements have been made with the office before the test. This includes students who are tardy on test day.
 - Students may make up tests. But must do so in class. Tests are not allowed to be taken unsupervised by a teacher. If a student does not want to take a test during class time, they must make arrangements with the teacher to take the test before or after school.
 - Big Ideas will be used daily. All assignments and skills quizzes will be set up in Big Ideas.
 - Algebra I is an important skill that will help students succeed in life. This is a common core classroom that requires perseverance and precision. Students are expected to try hard, be thorough and neat in their work, and never quit! If at first you don't succeed...well, you know the rest.
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What are we learning this year?

Below is a link to the UCS Curriculum Guide and State Standards:

<https://www.uticak12.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=578321&pageId=1344942>

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