

Accelerated Precalculus CLASSROOM POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS 2021-2022

MRS. CHAMPA

Expectations for Accelerated Precalculus Course:

The Accelerated Precalculus course is designed for students who want to be better prepared for college Calculus or Advanced Placement courses while still in high school, so that they may start in higher level courses upon entering college. The standard Precalculus course has been enhanced with additional materials and teaching tips that promote a deeper mathematical understanding of the topics, extend the topics past what is given in the standard course, and present new topics that are not typically included in a high school curriculum

Required Materials:

- ✓ **Pencil**
- ✓ **A TI-84 Graphing calculator is strongly recommended.** During homework assignments and classroom learning, you will have access to the Desmos Online Calculator, but do not become too dependent upon it, because you can use the TI-84 on SAT and ACT, but you can't use Desmos.
- ✓ **3-Ring Binder** or a **3-subject Notebook.**
- ✓ **Earbuds or Headphones** that can be used with school issued computer.

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.**

Grades:

Quarter Grades: These will be based on the following percentages:

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

Grades are made up of Skills Quizzes, Activities, Tests, and Quizzes. They are calculated as follows:

Skills Quizzes, Activities	20%
Quizzes, Tests	80%

Skills quizzes will be given almost daily. Quizzes will be given once or twice a unit. Tests will be given for every unit. 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.

Semester Grades: These will be determined by averaging the two quarter grades with the semester exam grade. Each marking period grade will count 40%, while the exam grade will count the remaining 20%. 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**

Assignments:

As in any mathematics class, practice and reinforcement of topics introduced in class is essential. For this reason, Assignments will be assigned almost DAILY and will be discussed during the next day's class. You are expected to have your Assignments completed prior to coming to class. You are responsible for correcting your Assignments and asking questions about problems you don't understand. You should always first discuss with your classmates any problems you need help understanding and then if still confused be ready to ask that question during class. Assignments may be used on Skills Quizzes. It is to a student's advantage to do the Assignments daily.

Participation:

Students are expected to participate in class. Examples of not participating include:

- Not taking notes or paying attention during notes
- 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

Responsibility:

It is your responsibility as a student to regularly contribute to the learning environment in the class. You will be required to take daily notes on the lessons. If you do not participate regularly, it will adversely affect your grade.

It is your responsibility as a student to complete your assignments on time. **If you miss an assignment, notes or an in-class activity due to an excused absence, it is also your responsibility to make-up your missing assignment or in-class activity, and to copy the notes from a classmate. Make ups must be made in the same number of days of the absence.**

If you are absent the day before a test or the day of a test, you will be expected to take the test **upon your return to class**. If you are absent the day before a quiz, you may take the quiz **on the day after the scheduled quiz day**. If you are absent on quiz day, you must take the quiz **upon your return to class**. **Extra credit will not be made available if you are absent on the day of a test or quiz**. Students may be put on CREDIT REVIEW after 10 days of unapproved absences.

If you have a school approved absence or planned vacation, you must get your work ahead of time. You will have the same number of days that you were absent to make up work. If your absence is unexcused, you 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.

Extra Help:

Lunch hour tutoring is available every day. Student Support Appointments are available to speak one on one with the teacher. Please see Schoology for hours and locations. You can sign up for Student Support Appointments online.

Extra Credit will **only** be offered on tests and quizzes and for participating during certain activities that are considered extra credit during class. **NO ADDITIONAL EXTRA CREDIT WILL BE OFFERED.**

Teams, Onenote, and Webassign 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.

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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