Algebra I

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Textbook: Algebra I, McGraw-Hill

McGraw-Hill maintains a website to support its students. Students and parents can go to [www.connected.mcgraw-hill.com](http://www.connected.mcgraw-hill.com) on the internet to find the textbook, extra examples, interactive quizzes, and video tutorials that are written for every section of the text. Specific instructions for student access on their ipad will be loaded on my school website.

Supplies:

* 3 ring binder (to maintain notes and returned homework assignments and quizzes)
* Writing utensil & paper
* Graphing Calculator. We will be using Desmos graphing utility on the ipad for most of the year inpreparation for STAAR testingin May, but will include tasks with the Ti-84. If willing to make the investment, you will use this calculator almost exclusively throughout your high school and college career. We do not provide instruction on the Ti-89.

**Daily 10%**

There will be a homework assignment every night. It is an essential part of learning in any mathematics class. We will also have weekly homework quizzes, so be sure to ask questions about any problems you don’t understand as they come up. **YOUR DAILY GRADES WILL COME FROM A MIX OF HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS AND HOMEWORK CHECK QUIZZES, PLEASE TRY TO COMPLETE YOUR HOMEWORK DAILY!**

**Quizzes 30%**

We will have quizzes throughout the year. Quizzes are to help you self-assess your knowledge. Keep these since they are great for studying for your tests!

**Tests 60%**

Three tests will be given each 9 week period. You will take a test if present unless you’ve had extensive excused absences immediately prior to the test day. **Being absent the day before the test does not excuse you from taking the test at the schedule time.** All test dates are on the calendar. Recorded notes will be available in Google Classroom or on Youtube. Reviews and their answer keys are also posted in Google Classroom. If you miss class, you are responsible for retrieving the assignment you missed. **There are no re-tests for failed exams, but there will be a cumulative exam given at the end of each quarter which can replace one lower test grade for the nine weeks.**

**Make-up Policy:**

If you are absent from class, it is YOUR responsibility to make up the work missed and attend a tutoring session if needed. Completed notes can be found online in your Google Classroom.

Tests and quizzes should be made up within 2 days of returning to school. In the case of extended absences, we will come up with a fair time frame for make-up work.

UIL Eligibility

UIL determines eligibility with a no pass / no play rule. Refer to the student handbook regarding information about regaining eligibility in a 6-week grading period.

Classroom Rules

* Be on time! School tardy policies will be enforced.
* Listen attentively, take notes, and ask questions. ENGAGE YOUR BRAIN!
* Follow the Westlake Honor Code. Only turn in work that is completely your own.
* Be courteous to all others in the class – listen without interrupting, offer encouragement, etc
* Bring only WATER to class. Other food and drink is for OUTSIDE of class.
* Make mathematical thinking your top priority for 50 minutes!
* Show your work!

Portable Electronic Devices

* iPads and other electronics with educational value are acceptable ONLY when being used for the purpose of learning. The iPads will be used extensively, you should come with yours fully charged.
* We will be using MathSpace for online homework assignments and Skyward to do some occasional online assessments. EACH STUDENT **MUST** LEARN THEIR STUDENT SKYWARD PASSWORD. You will miss out on several grades each 9 weeks if you do not know your password. Please contact the office to find out how to set up skyward’s “Student Access” if you have not done so.
* If iPads, phones or other electronics are being used for non-educational purposes during class:

1st offense: Warning

2nd offense: Device will be taken away and you can claim it from me at the end of class

3rd offense: Device will be etaken away and you can claim it from your AP at the end of the day

4th offense: Conference with AP and parents

Teacher Website:

<http://whsbhyink.weebly.com>

No Excuses Policy

You are expected to be ON TIME, BE PREPARED, and BE RESPECTFUL! Anything less than that is not acceptable. We are a team and will work as on as long as we remember the ‘rules of the game’. Take responsibility for your work and your learning. You will not learn unless you participate.