

**MVLA
2026-27
COURSE INFORMATION SHEET**

Course Title: Essentials Algebra 1.1

School: Los Altos High School

UC/CSU requirement: No

Textbook and/or other learning resources: IXL, Desmos, Teacher made notes and assessments

Student Learning Outcomes:

SAI Algebra 1.1 is a foundation course to help prepare students for SAI Algebra 1.2. Successful completion of both SAI Algebra 1.1 and 1.2 fulfills the Algebra 1 high school graduation requirement.

Specifically, students will be able to solve:

- Basic operations and properties of the real number system
- Linear and quadratic equations and inequalities
- Basic coordinate geometry of lines
- Systems of equations in two (2) variables
- Properties of exponents
- Rational expressions
- Irrational numbers and radicals, and word problems related to the above topics

Assessment and Grading ([BP 5121](#) / [AR 5121](#)): To ensure that every student has an equal opportunity to demonstrate their learning, the course instructors implement aligned grading practices and common assessments with the same frequency.

1. Grading categories and their percentage weights:

30% Tests / Quizzes / Final
30% Class Participation
30% Work Completion(HW)
10% Notebook

2. Achievement evidence collected within each grading category:

Students will be informed of the aligned quantity, weight, and due dates of assignment/assessments in each grading category as much in advance as possible.

3. Grading scales:

A+ 99.99 to 100%	A 94.00 to 99.98%	A- 90.00 to 93.99%
B+ 87.00 to 89.99%	B 84.00 to 86.99%	B- 80.00 to 83.99%
C+ 77.00 to 79.99%	C 74.00 to 76.99%	C- 70.00 to 73.99%
D+ 67.00 to 69.99%	D 64.00 to 66.99%	D- 60.00 to 63.99%
F 59.99 to 0%		

4. Homework/outside of class practices ([AR 6154](#)):

Daily homework assignments are due at the beginning of the following class and will be checked/stamped, as these assignments are used in class discussions.

5. Excused absence make up practices ([Education Code 48205\(b\)](#)):

Homework: All homework should be completed before the beginning of the next class. If incomplete, it will affect overall homework grade. If you are absent, you will have one day to complete the assignment for each day you are absent; but you will be required to keep up with current assignments while you are making up work. For one-day excused absences, homework is due and tests must be taken the day a student returns to class. Upon returning from excused absences, please come to me to ask me for any tests that you may have missed. Unexcused absences will result in no credit for that day. No late homework

assignments will be accepted for unexcused absences and students will receive a zero on test scores for unexcused absences on the day of an exam. Moreover, an excused absence on the day of a review will not be an acceptable reason to delay taking an exam.

Tests/Quizzes: Arrangements must be made with the instructor to make-up any missed assessments within a week of returning.

Unexcused absences are not covered under the above policy and will result in a score of zero.

6. Academic integrity violation practices ([LAHS Academic Integrity Policy](#) / [MVHS Academic Integrity Policy](#)): Honesty, trust and integrity are vital components of the education process. The Governing Board believes that academic honesty and personal integrity are fundamental components of a student's education and character development. The Board expects that students will not cheat, lie, plagiarize or commit other acts of academic dishonesty.

Students and families should understand and act upon the values of academic integrity and should encourage the highest standards of academic behavior from themselves and their peers.

It is assumed that all work completed for a class is original work created for that class, for a specific assignment.

Violations of Academic Integrity will be dealt with in a manner consistent with the MVLA-LAHS Academic Integrity Policy. Please refer to the Academic Integrity policy in the student handbook. For categories A and C, the 'V' will be worth zero. For violations in category B, there will be a process for students to learn the material and show mastery of the content.

7. Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use:
By default, GenAI is not to be used on assignments or assessments.
If/when GenAI is allowed, the teacher will explain the level and type of GenAI use permitted for that assignment.
Using GenAI in a way that does not follow the assignment directions, turning in AI-generated work as your own, or not disclosing GenAI use when required may be considered an academic integrity violation.
8. Late work practices:
You have up until the end of the semester to turn in any missing assignments, for partial credit. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the missed assignments on the first day you are back. You can always check Google classroom. Classwork and homework should be turned in on the date it is due.
9. Revision practices:
Quizzes: A quiz score may be replaced with a score based on the performance on the first attempt of the unit test.
Tests: For any unit tests, students will have an opportunity to do revisions/corrections to receive up to 50% of the points missed for a new revised test score.
10. Extra credit practices:
Extra credit may be given at the teacher's discretion.
11. Additional grading practices: None
12. LMS Used: Google classroom

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