

Algebra 1 Arlington High School

Course Expectations 2023-2024 Math Department

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Welcome to Algebra 1! This year you will be expanding the understanding and knowledge of algebra that you started building in elementary school, and continued to build in middle school. You will work independently as well as together as a class or small groups to share ideas, opinions, and strategies with one another. I encourage you to become an active and willing participant during class time and please feel free to give me feedback!

This year we will use the **Math Medic Curriculum** and will explore and learn more about:

- Linear Relationships
- Solving Linear Equations and Inequalities
- Systems of Linear Equations and Inequalities
- Functions
- Working with Nonlinear Functions
- Quadratic Functions
- Exponential Functions

TERM GRADING

Your grade each term will be determined according to the following category weights:

- **Assessments (Tests, quizzes, projects) 70%**
- **Homework/Classwork 30%**

You will always have the opportunity to make corrections on quizzes to earn back half credit up to an 85%. Corrections need to be completed on a separate sheet of paper and then talked through with either Ms. Toupin or Ms. Gusmini during extra help.

MATERIALS

You need to bring the following supplies with you to class each day:

- Pencils and erasers
- 1.5-2" three-ring binder and loose-leaf paper is **required**. This resource should not be shared with other courses - only math. All work should be **dated** and kept in **chronological order**.
- Scientific calculator (**not** your phone!)

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Google Classroom will be an important communication tool during our course.

GC Code: scgsrpl

OFFICE HOURS

Ms. Toupin (531 New Building)
Tuesday X-block
Tuesday 3-3:30pm
Thursday 3-3:30pm

Mr. McEvoy (401 Old Building)
Wednesday 3-4pm
Friday 3-4pm

If these times do not work for you, please let us know! We are happy to meet via appointment as well.

HOMEWORK

Homework is an important component to a successful year. There will be homework given nightly. It will be posted on Google Classroom and written on the board in our class. If you are absent, please use Classroom to see what you have missed.

Homework will be collected and graded for completion at the beginning of each class period. If homework is not completed, students have the opportunity to resubmit the fully completed homework for full credit anytime before the unit test date.

CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Cell phones are both a necessity and a distraction in our world! During class, the expectation is that cell phones are completely away. If a student has their cell phone out during class, we will offer one gentle reminder to put the phone away. If the cell phone appears again, we will give the choice to either put the cell phone away completely or contact home. If the problem persists, we will get the students' Dean involved to best support and intervene with the use of cellphones in class.

CLOSING

We look forward to getting to know you throughout the year and working hard with you to ensure you have a successful year in Algebra 1. Our goal is that you become confident mathematicians and that you learn to love (or appreciate) mathematics and its applications!

Ms. Toupin & Mr. McEvoy

Caregiver Agreement

My student and I have read the class expectations for Algebra 1, and we understand these expectations.

Student_____

Caregiver_____