

25-26 Algebra 1 Course Policies

Your Teacher:

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Google Classroom codes will be given to each class period. Be sure to “join” the class.

Materials Needed for Class:

Bring these to class every day

- ☐ Binder with dividers – **three sections: 1) warm ups, 2) notes / handouts, and 3) homework / DeltaMath**
- ☐ Binder paper and graph paper
- ☐ Pencils and extra erasers
- ☐ Different colored pens, colored pencils, or highlighters to color code notes
- ☐ Laptop / Chromebook with headphones and charger
- ☐ **Scientific calculator** – *Graphing calculators are **not** required for Algebra 1*
If purchasing a graphing calculator for future classes–recommendations: TI 83/Plus, TI-84/Plus/Silver

Classroom Rules and Expectations:

As students, you are expected to come to class on time, prepared, and ready to learn. This includes taking notes, participating in discussions, contributing to group work, and completing all assigned work.

- 1) At the bell – “Hoods off, headphones out, phones away.”
 - a) **Cell phones will be in the Phone Pockets for attendance.**
 - b) Headphones will be out of ears, and all electronics will be put away (except calculators).
 - c) You will be quietly seated in your assigned seat, working on the warm up, with homework on your desk ready to be checked.
- 2) Respect yourself, others, and all property at all times.
- 3) Remain seated unless excused during class. Only one student at a time may leave the classroom.
- 4) Follow all school rules and guidelines as defined in the student handbook.
- 5) Eating, drinking, and gum chewing is allowed in the classroom, so long as all crumbs and wrappers have been thrown away in the trash can. If this rule cannot be followed, only water will be permitted.

Consequences for breaking the rules may include conferences, detentions, emails home, and referrals to admin.

** Serious offenses will result in removal from the classroom and/or immediate Administrative Referral.

** Frequent tardiness or cell phone use will result in referrals and/or detentions.

Tardies / Absences

Students are permitted 3 tardies (< 30min.) per semester. On the 4th tardy, that student will be given a school detention. A school detention will be given for each additional tardy until the end of that semester.

If you had an excused absence only on the day of an assessment, you will be expected to make it up on the day of your return. If you have an excused absence for an extended number of days, you will have as many days as you were absent to make up the work. If there are any extenuating circumstances, do not hesitate to contact me.

Be sure to check the classroom calendar for missed work during your absences. You will find any warm ups, notes, and homework on our calendar.

Grades are available on Synergy, and will be updated as soon as work has been graded and entered.

Grade Breakdown:

A+	97.5 - 100%	B+	85.5 - 89.49%	C+	71.5 - 77.49%	D+	51.5 - 57.49%	F+	34.5 - 39.49%
A	93.5 - 97.49%	B	81.5 - 85.49%	C	65.5 - 71.49%	D	45.5 - 51.49%	F	0 - 34.49%
A-	89.5 - 93.49	B-	77.5 - 81.49%	C-	57.5 - 65.49%	D-	39.5 - 45.49%		

Weighted Categories

%	Category	Information
5%	Homework / Participation	<p>Homework – Online homework is assigned daily for practice, but will not be graded unless otherwise stated. We often have time in class to start the homework, so please use this time wisely and ask for help.</p> <p><i>While homework is not required to be completed outside of the classroom, it <u>is</u> required to be worked on during the period.</i></p> <p>Participation – Classroom activities, notebook checks, and overall engagement. The expectation is that students are engaged in mathematics for the entire duration of the period. Students found completing work for other classes before finishing their math assignments will be docked participation points. GoGuardian will be used during the period to monitor student engagement and progress.</p>
85%	Assessments	<p>Concept Checks – Concept Checks will be given after completing each chapter and graded on a 0-5 rubric (see below). Two retakes will be permitted for each chapter. Retake dates will be announced ahead of time. The newest score will count toward the grade (better or worse).</p> <p>**If academic dishonesty is observed, or you have a prohibited electronic device out during an assessment, you will receive a referral to administration, your score will be entered as a 0, and you will not be eligible for a retake.</p>

5 (“A”)	4 (“B”)	3 (“C”)	2 (“D”)	1 (“F”)	0 (“F”)
Exceeding Correct answer WITH clear work and reasoning Perfect ★	Advanced Demonstrates full understanding of concept with one minor error	Proficient Demonstrates general understanding with some <u>minor</u> errors, but answer follows work	Approaching Demonstrates some understanding of the concept. Includes multiple errors	Beginning Demonstrates limited understanding of the concept	Not Evident No evidence of understanding

10%	Final Exam	One final will be given at the end of each semester, covering all content from the current semester. No retakes will be given for final exams.
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Extra Help

It is the student’s responsibility to ask questions during class, and to use their ACCESS classes to seek extra help as needed.

Classroom Donations

Classroom donations of Kleenex, pencils, post-its, and Expo markers are all greatly appreciated, and help benefit everyone in the classroom. A department donation letter with a link to our Future Fund will be sent home separately.
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Please detach this page, complete it, and return it for credit by the given due date.

Keep the “Course Policies” page for your reference.

----- Complete and Return -----

My guardian and I have carefully read everything in the attached Algebra 1 Course Policies, and understand what is expected of me over the course of the school year. I know that if I have any questions or concerns, it is my responsibility to check the class website, Google Classroom, or contact the teacher.

Optional: Guardians, please use the space at the bottom of the page or attach a note to tell me anything about your student that you would like me to know as we begin the new school year.

Name of Student: _____ Class Period: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Guardian: _____ Relationship: _____

Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

----- Note to Teacher -----