

## Precalculus Advanced Rules and Procedures

Mr. Fahrenbacher, Niles North High School, 2016-2017

Welcome to Precalculus Advanced! Please review the information in this document with your parents and fill out the form linked at the bottom.

**Behavioral Expectations** We will have a great year together as long as we strive to act in a kind and dignified manner. Some specific examples of this include:

- Always be respectful to peers and teacher.
- Do not throw things (in the garbage or to another student).
- Politely listen to others.
- Don't speak out of turn or get up while someone else is speaking.
- Do what is asked of you.
- Come to class prepared with all your materials.
- Be on time.

**Materials** Every student is required to have each of the following materials in class every day:

- A calculator (TI-83 or TI-84 is preferred)
  - As soon as you buy your calculator, you need to take it to the security office (room 1117) to get it engraved and registered. This is a free service offered by the school.
  - If you are on free or reduced lunch or if your family has just experienced a financial hardship (you parent has just lost their job), you can apply to borrow a calculator from the math department. You need to go to room #3322 and request a form for a calculator loan.
- A dedicated math notebook
- A netbook
- A dedicated math folder
- A writing utensil, preferably a pencil. **DO NOT DO MATH IN RED INK.**
- Graph paper. If you don't want to buy a pack, you can go to [printfreegraphpaper.com](http://printfreegraphpaper.com) and print some out.

**Homework** Most nights, students will be assigned a number of practice problems to reinforce concepts covered in class. Homework will not be a *summative* part of a student's academic grade, but is still important for developing fluency with new concepts and will frequently be recorded in a *formative* manner (0 grade weight assignments).

**Absences** It is each student's responsibility to obtain missed notes, complete missed homework assignments, and take missed quizzes and tests after returning from an excused absence. Missed quizzes and tests will be stored in the Testing Center, located on the first floor. You **DO NOT** need to wait until after we have had class. If you know you missed an exam – go to the testing center and make it up right away (you don't need a pass)! The testing center is

open from 7:10 am to 4:10 pm. You can make up a test before school, during your lunch, study hall or after school. Assessments not made up by the time they are due will result in a zero. Missed assessments because of unexcused absences will result in automatic zeros.

**Grades** Grades will be based on classwork, quizzes, and tests. Each semester grade will be calculated by combining the 18 week grading period (82%) and the final exam (18%). The grading scale is 90-100% A, 80-89.9 B, 70-79.9 C, 60-69.9 D, Below 60% F.

**Help!** If you feel that you are not understanding the material, please visit the Literacy Center whenever you have free time to get help. I will also be available for help many times during the day, as well as before school. You can find my schedule, along with many additional resources, on my website: <http://www.fahrenbacher.com>.

**Academic Dishonesty** Students are expected to review and conform to the school's policy on academic dishonesty, located in the [Student Handbook](#). Academic dishonesty violations normally result in a grade of zero for the test or assignment, and in some cases, a mandatory conference with parents/guardians.

**Contact Information** I welcome any opportunity to discuss your student's progress. Feel free to call me at any time during the school year at (847) 626-2762 or email me at [matfah@d219.org](mailto:matfah@d219.org).

**Technology** Students are expected to follow all of the rules outlined in the [Acceptable Use Policy](#), especially in regards to student [netbooks](#). Using technology in a manner that harms the academic environment will result in restrictions in technology use and further disciplinary consequences for repeated or significant misuse.

**Assessment** When grading assignments, I will be looking for two things - completeness and correctness. Writing down only the final answer to a question will be worth minimal to no points. ALL work and steps need to be shown.

**Tardiness** Every student is expected to be in their seat before the bell rings. Excessive (more than twice) and extended (more than five minutes) tardiness will result in the issuing of detentions.

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Please sign [this form](#) with your guardian.