

Villa Rica High School Math Department

Algebra I

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Welcome to Algebra!

The fundamental purpose of Algebra is to formalize and extend the mathematics that students learned in the middle grades. The critical areas, organized into eight units, deepen and extend understanding of functions by comparing and contrasting linear, quadratic, and exponential relationships.

A complete list of the standards can be found [here](#)

Grading

- Formative (Daily) Grades: 60%
This includes daily assignments, homework, performance tasks, etc.
- Summative (Tests) Grades: 40%
This includes district common assessments, tests, projects, quizzes, etc.

Required Materials

- You should have either a separate Algebra 1 notebook and folder, OR a section for Algebra 1 in a 3-ring binder.
- You should always bring your **notebook/folder, a pencil, your calculator, and your Chromebook/charger** every day.
- Chromebooks will be needed to complete some classwork assignments and nearly all assessments (tests/quizzes). **Failure to bring your fully charged Chromebook to class may result in a missing or failing assignment, quiz, or test!**
- We will be using the [TI-30XS Multiview](#) calculator. Although we have a class set, it is strongly suggested that students purchase their own calculator to reduce sharing of materials. It is also helpful to have your own calculator when practicing skills at home.

Cell phones and headphones/AirPods are NOT ALLOWED in class. This is a school-wide policy. If cell phones/AirPods are out in class a behavior referral will be submitted.

Online Resources/Apps

Google Classroom will frequently be used to post notes, assignments, and helpful resources. You should also have access to Infinite Campus and Gmail (your student account). There are cell phone apps for Google Classroom, Infinite Campus, and Gmail that I recommend you download to receive important notifications for class!

Missed/Absent Work

Homework is considered an essential part of learning mathematics. All students are expected to practice problems through homework assignments to master the essential curriculum. Many assignments start in class, and you are expected to finish for homework. LATE homework will be accepted for half credit. Late is defined as any time after I have called for it (5 minutes, 30 minutes, 1 day, 3 days—does not matter the time because it is still half credit). No missing work will be taken after the announced date at the end of the unit/9 weeks. **Be mindful that the grade book closes after each 9-week period. All missing work will be marked with an “M” which is calculated as a 0 (zero) in the grade book.**

Milestones

Algebra has a state-mandated end-of-course test (EOC). The test is scheduled for late April/early May. The test is worth 20% of your final grade during the second semester.

Semester Exams

There will be a cumulative exam or project at the end of each semester (December and May). The weight of the exam will be communicated as we progress through the course!

Tutoring

Tutoring is available usually Monday-Thursday afternoons from 3:30-4:30.

See me if you need to arrange another time. The board will reflect any changes.

Academic Honesty

Students are expected to be honest in all academic work and not tolerate academic dishonesty of others. This includes **copying the answers of others, passing others' work off as your own, providing answers to others, dishonestly obtaining and/or distributing answers**, and any other dishonest acts. These are **serious offenses** and will result in severe consequences and a grade of a zero in the grade book for the assignment!

★ Parents and students please complete the google form when finished with reading the **syllabus** .

Class Procedures and Expectations:

- 1) Daily "Warm-Up" problems/discussion will be posted at the beginning of each class. These are intended to enhance and practice the concepts we learn in class.
- 2) When taking tests or completing assignments, please show all your work. Partial credit can mean the difference between passing and failing. On the other hand, if NO work is shown, no credit will be given!
- 3) It is important to be in class each day. The discussions and presentations that take place during the period are difficult, if not impossible, to repeat on an individual basis.
- 4) Late assignments will be accepted for a maximum of half credit.
- 5) It is your responsibility to have your calculator, paper, and pencil EACH DAY.
- 6) Students will NOT be allowed to go to the restroom in the first 10 minutes of class or the last 10 minutes of class. Please go during class change. If necessary, students may go to the restroom during class one at a time but you might miss important information.
- 7) Being Tardy to class (after the door is closed) will result in disciplinary actions as detailed in the student handbook.
- 8) Unacceptable behavior includes: excessive talking, profanity, disrespect to teachers or students, walking around during instruction without permission, failure to comply with class directions or the student handbook, sleeping in class, using phones or other electronic devices, and being destructive to classroom property.
- 9) Please make sure you are in dress code as stated in the student handbook before leaving your house each morning. No hats or hoods are allowed in the building.
- 10) Choosing not to follow the procedures will result in one or more of the following disciplinary actions:
 - Verbal and/or written warning
 - Parent contact
 - Administrative referral