

Welcome to Algebra 1! 2020-2021



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Course Objective

In this class, we will explore different kinds of graphs, tables, patterns, expressions, and equations (linear, quadratic, and exponential) through rigorous math activities, often in cooperative learning settings. We will model with functions, and extend the laws of exponents to rational exponents. Our year will end with methods for analyzing, solving, and using quadratic functions. I know you are all capable of excelling in this class; it will take persistence, collaboration with your peers, and willingness to communicate, take risks, and ask questions. I look forward to supporting you in this along the way!

Grading

50% Classwork <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submitted Do Now on Google Form• Each completed Do Now is worth 5 points• Classwork could be<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Desmos Activities◦ Kahoot lessons◦ Workbook pages◦ Etc.• Each day of classwork is worth 10 points	20% Homework <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upload picture of homework and turn in on Google Classroom• Each homework assignment is worth 10 points
10% Digital Journal <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete the prompts and turn in by due date on journal prompt• Each journal entry is worth 10 points	20% Assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quizzes/Tests

Scale

A 90 – 100%
B 80 – 89.99%
C 70 – 79.99%
D 60 – 69.99%
F below 60%

Do your best work every day!

Required Materials**

- binder paper
- graph paper
- pencils and eraser
- scientific calculator (you can use an online or phone calculator)

**We are trying to get graph paper and workbooks for everyone. We will update you when we know more information.

Classroom Expectations

In addition to Balboa's Rules and Conduct Codes, stay Balboa **FRESH**:

Fair:

- Do your own work.
 - According to the SFUSD handbook students must comply with Academic Honesty stated below (6):
All students are expected to complete their own academic assignments and examinations. Any type of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating, plagiarism, submitting work done by another as your own, or using unauthorized technology is prohibited. A student violating the academic honesty policy is subject to disciplinary action which can include but is not limited to point deduction or zero points on the assignment; lowered grade; "U" citizenship grade; detention; Saturday school; teacher may decline to write letter of recommendation or report dishonesty in a letter, or rescind a recommendation letter already submitted.
- Accept consequences for your own actions.

Respect:

- Yourself, others, and the online environment. There will be ZERO tolerance for bullying in any form.

Excellent:

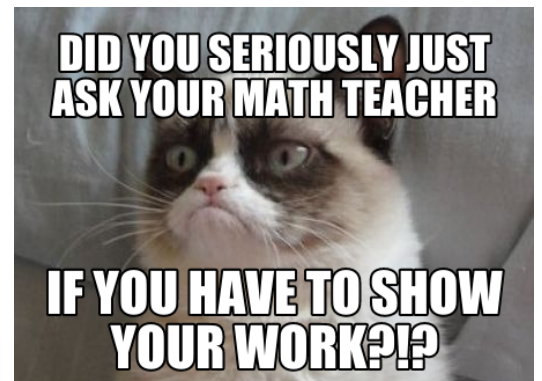
- Complete all assignments on time.
- Come to class on time, awake, and be prepared to learn and actively participate in class.
- If there are any special circumstances that may affect your attendance, please let me know as soon as possible.

Safe:

- Inform me if there are any issues with the online platform. Your security is very important.

Hopeful:

- You might not be able to do it YET, but persevere.
- Have a positive attitude and share your encouragement.



Absences

- If you are absent from synchronized class (zoom) please email one of us immediately.
- Notes from the lesson will be posted to the google classroom.
- Complete the classwork in agenda, including the do now, to receive credit for the day.
- Email me when you have completed all of your assignments.

Late work

- Late homework/classwork will be accepted up to **one week** from the original due date. You will receive full credit if it is completed.
- After a week you will receive half credit for any late assignment.
- You need to email one of us about late work when you finish. If you do not email, we will not check Google Classroom.

Sample email on late work:

Subject: Late Work

Ms. Medina/Mrs. Devine

I just completed Week (1-2) Day 4 homework. Could you please check it and update Synergy for me.

Thank you,
Student Name
Period

Synergy

[Synergy.sfusd.edu](https://synergy.sfusd.edu) Assignments and attendance will be posted on synergy for students and parents/guardians to access.

Additional Support

Please email us if you need extra support. You can also stay on zoom at the end of class when we have student check-ins.

Parent/Guardian Letter for Algebra 2020-2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are Ms. Medina and Mrs. Devine. We are your student's Algebra teachers for the 2020-2021 school year at Balboa High School. We look forward to the opportunity to work with your student to help them be successful in math. In addition, we hope to teach your child academic skills that will be useful for the rest of high school and beyond.

If you have not done so, please read over the course syllabus and discuss it with your student. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email one of us at medinag@sfusd.edu or devinem@sfusd.edu

Grades and attendance for this course will be made available online via synergy.sfusd.edu. Please note the grading and late work policy to understand your student's marks.

Please fill out the form below. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Ms. Medina & Mrs. Devine
Balboa High School

[Parent Guardian Information Form](#)