

# Algebra with Mr. Simone



## Welcome to Honors Algebra I!

As we move from the freedom and joy of the summer to the freedom and joy of the classroom, we will each undergo a necessary shift in focus, attitude, and conduct. In order to assist with the transition, I have put together a few ideas and expectations that will help us get off to a great year. Keep an open mind and do your best. It will be a great year!

## Supplies

- One three ring binder (1 or 1 ½ inch)
- Binder Dividers
- One Marble notebook
- Pencils/Pens (Preferably Pencils)
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Graphing Calculator TI-83 Plus (recommended but not needed)

## Important Dates to Remember

### Newsletter

**Due Date: Tuesday September 3**  
Please make sure that you have read through and signed this document.

### Open House

**Wednesday September 11**  
Time: 5:30 to 7:30pm

### Parent Teacher Conferences

**Wednesday November 20**

## The Three R's:

**Respect** each other always. That means respecting property and people.

**Right to Learn** means that we all have the right to learn. If you get off task it interrupts all our learning. *Focus!*

**Responsibility** you all know what that means. Be responsible for yourself and your actions.

## Marking Period Grading Policy

### Formal Assessments.....90%

(Tests, Quizzes, Performance Tasks, Labs, Projects)

### Informal Assessments...10%

(Do Nows, Homework, Classwork, and Participation)

## Marking System

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| A+ = 97-100 | C = 73-76      |
| A = 93-96   | C- = 70-72     |
| A- = 90-92  | D+ = 67-69     |
| B+ = 87-89  | D = 63-66      |
| B = 83-86   | D- = 60-62     |
| B- = 80-82  | F = 59 and ↓   |
| C+ = 77-79  | X = No Mark    |
|             | I = Incomplete |

### Important Notes on Final Course Grade

In order to be consistent with how the final course grade for honors level Algebra 1 at Hamden High School are calculated, students' final course grade in Algebra 1 at Hamden Middle School will be calculated as follows:

|                                      |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period = 20% | } Total = 100% |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period = 20% |                |
| *Mid-Term Exam* = 10%                |                |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period = 20% |                |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Marking Period = 20% |                |
| ***Final Exam*** = 10%               |                |

### Homework Policy

Homework is assigned daily in Math and is expected to be completed and handed in **ON TIME**. There are consequences for missed homework assignments:

- Assignment complete and handed in on time = 100%
- Assignment late one day = 50%
- Assignment incomplete or not turned in = 0%

Homework is assigned for many reasons and there really isn't an excuse for missed homework.

**\*\*\*Information about homework and other assignments will be updated daily on our Team Domurad website:**

<https://www.hamden.org/hms/teams/house-4-grade-8>

### Parent Reminder

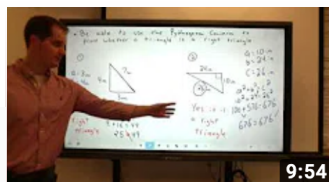
- Please fill out the forms sent home with your child.
- Open House is September 11.
- **Email** is the best way to reach me.
- I will stay for extra help any day other than my office hours by appointment.
- Please make sure to sign up for Power School to view your child's grades.
- Check out my YouTube channel for instructional videos.

### Top 5 Ways to be SUCCESSFUL

1. **COME TO CLAS PREPARED** - Pen, pencils, agenda, and binder.
2. **ALWAYS RAISE YOUR HAND** - If you have something to say, we want to hear it when it is your turn.
3. **REVIEW NOTES EVERY NIGHT** - It will help you prepare for your Tests and Quizzes.
4. **BE POLITE AND COURTEOUS** - we all love to hear "Please" and "Thank you".
5. **ASK FOR HELP** - We are here to help each other.



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Please feel free to call or **email me:**

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Office hours: Wednesday 2:30-3:15

### PLEASE SIGN BELOW Overall Expectations

I believe that each and every student can succeed in Mathematics. I expect you to work hard this year, probably harder than you have in the past. I will give 100% in the classroom every day and expect that you will do the same. Together we can accomplish this goal and have a great year!

**I have read over the Algebra I information with a parent/guardian:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Student signature)

**I have read over the Algebra I information with my child:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian signature)