Algebra 1 Syllabus

2025 — 2026 | Mr. Loveless

What do I need for class?

Pencil (with eraser) — A Growth Mindset! — A Notebook — iPad & Stylus — A Folder for Handouts

How is my grade calculated?

10% HW & Notes
20% Quizzes
70% Unit Tests

Extra Credit (not allowed)
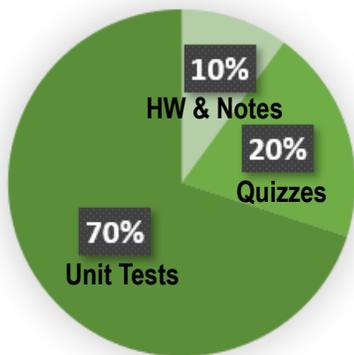
Grade	Range
A	90 — 100%
B	80 — 89%
C	70 — 79%
D	60 — 69%
F	0 — 59%

Grades will be **weighted by category.** This means that some points are worth more than others based on what type of work it is. For example, tests are worth more than quizzes. Below is an example of weighted grades versus unweighted (total points) grades:

	Homework	Quizzes	Unit Tests	Final Grade
Unweighted:	95/100	+ 75/100	+ 70/100	240/300 = .80 = 80% B
Weighted:	**.10**(95/100)	+ **.20**(75/100)	+ **.70**(70/100)	0.095 + 0.15 + .049 = .735 = **73.5%** C

Grades will be updated weekly on Thursdays, per school policy. If you have questions or concerns about your grade, don't hesitate to contact me. Your grade is stored in PowerSchool.
(https://west-fargo.ps.state.nd.us/public/home.html)

What are the expectations for this class? (continued on reverse)

Algebra 1 and other math classes can be difficult courses. I can understand if math is not your strongest subject. However, I need you to be the strongest student you can be and work to improve <u>every day</u>.

Help: I am available for <u>help between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. by appointment</u>. Communicate with me for help.

Lesson Plans: All lesson plans will be posted on **Schoology.** (https://west-fargo.schoology.com)

There will be a calendar of lessons on Schoology. Copies of the notes will be stored in Schoology. We will complete practice exercises and other activities in class.

Late Policy: All work for an instructional unit must be completed before the end-of-unit assessment. For example, if the end-of-unit assessment is scheduled for September 13, all work for that unit must be completed before the start of class that day.

Attendance Policy:

If you miss 20 minutes of class, you will be marked "UV" (unverified) for that day. For every 5 "UT" (unexcused tardies), you will earn one "UV" code. Please communicate with Mr. Loveless about activities or other absences.

Cell Phones & Smart Watches:

The state of North Dakota has passed a law stating cell phones and smart watches must be "out-of-sight", at minimum in a sealed backpack pocket, from 8:25 AM to 3:35 PM. We will review this policy in detail in class, and families will be provided with the specifics.

Headphones: I do not allow headphone use in this course. I will treat headphones in a similar manner to how I treat cell phones and smart watches.

Food & Drink: There is to be no food in class unless provided by Mr. Loveless. All drinks must be in a container with a spill-proof lid.

If you bring in food or beverage that is not allowed, I will ask you to go to the commons to throw it away. If you are late to class for this reason, you will be marked "UT" for attendance.

What will I learn in this class?

Unit 1: Linear Equations in One Variable	**Unit 2:** Linear Inequalities in One Variable	**Unit 3:** Intro to Functions	**Quarter 1** Aug. 21 — Oct. 24
Unit 4: Linear Functions	**Unit 5:** Systems of Linear Equations and Inequalities	**Unit 6:** Integer Exponents	**Quarter 2** Oct. 29 — Jan. 9
Unit 7: Radicals	**Unit 8:** Polynomial Operations & Factoring	**Unit 9:** Solving Quadratic Equations	**Quarter 3** Jan. 12 — Mar. 13
Unit 10: Graphing Quadratic	**Unit 11:** Quadratic Applications	**Unit 12:** Probability & Statistics	**Quarter 4** Mar. 16 — May 21

Global Skills:
- ☐ Self-management
- ☐ Collaboration
- ☐ Critical thinking & inquiry
- ☐ Reflection

Acknowledgement and Signature

By writing and signing my name below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to adhere to the policies and procedures in this syllabus.

Name (printed): _____ **Signature:** _____