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Algebra I Syllabus

Welcome to Algebra I
I am really excited for this school year and I hope you are too!

Course Description

Algebra I is a course in which you will develop content understanding, computational fluency, problem solving skills, and critical thinking strategies that will provide you with a strong mathematical foundation.

Homework will be assigned each day and problems from Delta Math will be assigned as well to target specific math standards.

Class Materials

- We will not be using a textbook this year but if you'd like to check a book out as an extra reference, I will have one available for you to keep at home.
- Pencil
- We will do most activities on paper but please still bring your iPad and stylist
- No need for a calculator. All math classrooms have a TI-84 plus for you to use.

Grading

Each quarter, your grade will be calculated using the following components:

- 70% Tests
- 20% Quizzes
- 10% Homework/notes and in class activities

Overall Grading Scale
A: 90-100%
B: 80-89
C: 70-79%
D: 60-69%
F: 59% and below

Daily Expectations:

- If you need to use the restroom, you must wait at least 10 minutes after class has started.
- Please be on time and in your assigned seat with your previous day's assignment out.
- If we are using individual whiteboards or at the wall whiteboards, continue to focus on the task.
- I expect students to be respectful every day and understand that not all students learn at the same pace, so it's important we have a positive learning environment for all students!

Notes and Homework

- You are expected to take notes each day. At the end of each unit, I'll collect the notes and they will count as part of your grade.
- Homework will be assigned daily and is part of your grade.
- Assignments can be turned in the next time our class meets but may be turned in until the day of the test with no penalty. Once we have taken the unit test you may no longer turn in homework for points.
- Remember that homework is assigned to enhance your learning, and each lesson will build on the one before it, so stay on top of homework and do not get behind.
- I will have the answer keys to many homework assignments.
  Use this as a resource and don't just copy!

What to do if you are absent

- If you are sick or unexpectedly miss class, and you are excused by a parent or guardian, you will have one day more than the length of your absence to make up any work that you missed. Communicate with me to schedule any make-up tests or quizzes.
- For unexcused absences (skipping class), make-up work will be assigned, but no credit will be given.
- Watch the video and take notes in your notepacket.
- Utilize my WIN sessions! I can reteach during this time or allow you to make up quizzes and tests.

Attendance & Tardiness

- I expect you to be IN the classroom by the time the bell starts ringing, and making your way to your desk before it stops ringing.
- See your Student Handbook for the tardy and absence policies.

Cell Phone and Earbud Use:

- See your Student Handbook for the cell phone policy.

Hats and Hoods

- Hats are allowed in my classroom but I may ask you to remove them for quizzes and tests.
- I really prefer that you don't have your hood up, but they are allowed.
- If you have your hood up and I suspect you also have earbuds in, I may ask you to remove your hood. To help you be successful I want to be sure I have 100% of your attention.

Quizzes & Tests

- I will post the dates for Unit Tests at least 2 weeks in advance on the whiteboard in my classroom and also in Schoology. Quizzes will be posted on Monday for that week in my classroom and also in Schoology. It is rare, but I may give a pop-quiz.

- There will be 3 unit tests each quarter and a cumulative test. Each unit test will be worth 100 points and will contain questions that are worth 1-6 points each. You will be expected to follow directions and show your work for each problem to earn full credit.

- You may be allowed to retake a quiz. To do this, you must complete any missing work and work with me one time outside of class (during your study hall, an open block, before or after school, or a WIN session) and we'll go through the old quiz to be sure you are ready for the new one. Once you've completed those 2 things, then you can retake the quiz outside of class time.

Availability

- If you need help, communicate with me! Talk to me in class or email me. If I don't respond within a day, please email me again. I will never be ignoring you but might have just missed your email.

- I am usually at school by 7:45am and can help most days after school as well.

- I can work with you if you have an open block or a study hall as well.

- If you need help during a time that I am not available, go to the math office 220H. Just knock, someone will wave you in, and there should be a teacher to help you.

The biggest point I want to make clear is – I need you to communicate with me! You can talk to me before, during, or after class, and you can always email me too.

I want you to have a successful school year!