

ALGEBRA I

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Class Expectations: Five ways to make the semester more enjoyable

PREPARE-Come to class with pencil/eraser, paper, notebook, and completed assignments.

PRACTICE- Homework is training for your brain. Attempt every problem assigned.

PARTICIPATE- Be a contributor to group and individual class activities and note taking.

Be POSITIVE- Attitude makes all the difference. Be willing to learn something while you are

Be PROMPT- Arrive on time. This means that you are in your assigned seat when the bell rings.

Textbook: Glencoe Algebra I

Class Description:

Algebra 1 introduces the student to variables, algebraic expressions, equations, functions, inequalities, and their graphical representation. The student develops the ability to: explore and solve mathematical problems, think critically, work cooperatively with others, and communicate mathematical ideas clearly.

General Overview of 1st Semester

CH 1	Expressions, Equations, and Functions
CH 2	Rational Numbers
CH 3	Linear Equations
CH 9	Polynomials
CH 10	Factoring
CH 12	Rational Expressions and Equations
CH 4	Proportional Reasoning
CH 5	Graphing Relations and Functions

Grading Scale:

Percentage Earned	Grade*
90 – 100%	A
80 – 89%	B
70 – 79%	C
60 – 69%	D
59% or Below	F

* +/- will be assigned

Expectations:

- Be respectful
- Do not talk while the teacher or another student is speaking
- Be in assigned seat and ready to work when the tardy bell rings
- Electronic devices are prohibited
- No eating or drinking in class (except water)
- Use proper academic language

** You will be given 4 passes to use throughout the semester (worth extra credit if not used)

** All school and district policies will be enforced

Consequences:

- Warning
- Detention
- Detention and Parent/guardian is contacted
- Referral to office

Required Materials:

- Pencil and eraser (all assignments are to be completed in pencil)
- Straight-edge (ruler, student i.d. card, etc.)
- Red pen
- Textbook
- Notebook and paper (lined and graph)

**Calculators are not allowed in Algebra I

Grading Distribution:

45% Tests and Projects: Tests will be given at the end of each chapter. Students will be given at least three days of advanced notice.

25% Homework/Classwork/Participation:

Homework assignments will be assigned on a regular basis and collected daily at the beginning of the class period, NOT sometime during the class or later that day. When assignments are turned in you will either receive 4 pts (full credit), or 0 pts. (no credit). In order to receive full credit, ALL of the problems must be completed or attempted. If the assignment is incomplete (i.e. skipped problems) you will be given no credit. NO late work will be accepted. Homework assignments can be viewed daily at *yourhomework.com*.

Each student is expected to participate in all class activities, projects, and lessons. Students are required to take notes and complete in-class assignments. Each student is responsible for keeping a 3-ring binder notebook consisting of: notes, classwork/homework, and quizzes/tests.

15% Quizzes: Quizzes will be given on a regular basis; both announced and unannounced.

15% District Benchmarks and Final: Cumulative district exam will be given at the end of the semester.

Class time should be spent wisely. Once we are through with the day's lesson, you are to begin working quietly on your homework for the remainder of the class period. You are not allowed to talk or waste class time. You can only work on homework for this class, not any other class.

Make-Up Work:

If a student is absent, the prior assignment given is due on the first day back in class. Any assignments missed due to an absence must be made up within two days of your returning. In the event of a prolonged absence (3 or more days) it becomes your responsibility to talk with me and set up a new date for your assignments to be turned in for full credit.

3-Ring Binder Notebook:

- You must have 3 "sub-sections"
 - Notes
 - Classwork/Homework
 - Quizzes/Tests
- ** Notes will be randomly collected for points so be organized!

Helpful Websites:

<http://www.glencoe.com/sec/math>

<http://librarytutor.org>

Students and parents are able to look at their grade at any time by logging on to:

<http://sc.webgrade.classmanager.com/bonitahs/>

Parent Communication:

If at any time you would like to discuss any matter that concerns you or your child, you may send a note with your child, call the school and leave a voice mail, or send me an e-mail and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year.

Mrs. Michelle Adkins

HOMEWORK REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Homework assignments are worth 4 points each
 - You will either receive 4 pts. (full credit), or 0 pts. (no credit)
 - To receive full credit, ALL problems must be completed or attempted
 - If assignment is incomplete (i.e. skipped problems), you will be given no credit
- ✓ Homework will be collected on a regular basis
- ✓ You MUST copy down the original problem in PEN & show ALL work to receive full credit
- ✓ Please do all assignments in PENCIL (only the original problem in pen)
- ✓ Homework MUST be neat and legible to receive credit
- ✓ NO late work will be accepted (except when absent)
- ✓ Should you ever need additional help, please come in for help

Mr. Atkins – Algebra and Geometry