

Class Expectations and Syllabus

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Welcome to Algebra 1 for the 2017-2018 school year! I am pleased to have you in my class. We will be covering a variety of topics throughout the semester that will help you on your continuing journey through high school mathematics. My intention is to help everyone learn in a positive atmosphere.

SUPPLIES

- 1" or 1 1/2" 3-Ring Binder with loose leaf paper
- Writing utensil
- Scientific calculator

TEXT:

- The textbook used for the course is Algebra 1 by McDougal/Littell. I do not require my students to check out a textbook as we will be using supplemental materials. The textbook company provides a web page for extra practice at www.classzone.com.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

1. Treat others the way you want to be treated. We all want respect, so make sure you give it to receive it.
2. You are expected to come to class on time. If you are tardy, you must report to the office.
3. Come to class prepared with your class supplies.
4. You are expected to use time wisely especially when you are given class time to work.
5. Upon entering the classroom, look for instructions on the board.
6. **You are expected to remain in your seat until I dismiss you.**
7. Full participation in all activities including working with other individuals.
8. NO FOOD OR DRINKS with the exception of water in a spill proof container.
9. You are expected to use proper language. Obscene language is not proper.
10. Students are expected to behave in class and follow GALENA HIGH SCHOOL rules. All rules of Galena High School apply in this classroom. Discipline issues will follow a progressive policy with increasing consequences for subsequent disruptive behavior.

CITIZENSHIP GRADE

- Citizenship grades are given quarterly. This grade is based on my evaluation of you as a cooperative contributing member of this class. Things considered are attitude, attention, punctuality, courtesy, behavior, participation, and preparation. Things that will immediately affect your citizenship grade are as follows:

- Copying another student's homework, letting a student copy your homework and cheating on a test or quiz. You will lose a letter grade for each time you are caught cheating.
- Using inappropriate language or being disrespectful to another classmate or me.
- **Consequences for copying or cheating on homework, quizzes, and tests will be followed by the Galena academic integrity policy (in planner).**

PASSES

- You are expected to take care of business before coming to class. You will have six bathroom passes per semester. These passes may be used only by you to leave the classroom. Once your six passes are used there will be no more issued, so use them wisely. At the end of the semester two points will be given for each unused pass. REMEMBER—there are no additional passes! Do not lose them as you will not get more. If you are tardy to class, you will not be allowed to use a pass.

GRADING PROCEDURES

- **Notes and Warm-Up Problems – you are responsible for keeping notes in your notebook and making them up when absent.**
- Chapter Quizzes – quizzes will be given often throughout the semester and worth anywhere from 5-10 points. You do not make up quizzes when absent.
- Tests – these will be worth 40-100 points. You will be allowed to **retake any test**, but it must be retaken BEFORE the next unit test. You will be required to come in for extra help and complete another review assignment prior to retaking the test.
- Homework – it will be assigned every day and graded on problems completed with work shown. You could get up to 5 points depending on how much is completed. **A list of numbers will ALWAYS result in a zero.** You will show legible work and complete all of the assigned problems to earn full credit on assignments. Incomplete/late/no-work-shown assignments will not receive full credit. Homework will be gone over every day in class and questions answered. Your homework must have your name, date, and assignment number on top. You must keep the assignments in your notebook for review purposes.
- ***YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO KEEP YOUR NOTEBOOK ORGANIZED.***
- Final Exam – there will be a school district mandated final exam at the end of each semester worth 15%.

ACADEMIC GRADES

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

Weighted Grades: 50% Tests 20% Quizzes 15% Final 15% Homework/Classwork

- It is your responsibility to keep track of your grade on Infinite Campus. If you have a question or concern about your grade, be sure you bring the assignment in question with you. If you do not notify me, I will assume you agree with the grade posted.
- Each assignment will have a grade or stamp on the front of the page to prove that I have seen and graded the assignment. This is your “receipt” and you will need to bring in the assignment if there are any errors.
- If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the make-up work. You will have the same amount of days to make up the work that you miss (i.e. if you miss two days, you have two days to make up the work). If you miss a test you must arrange a time with me to make it up.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND EXTRA HELP

- Do your homework and be prepared for the lesson.
- Actively engage in class discussions and activities
- **To achieve success in this class, good attendance is necessary. It is also necessary to study, and that does not mean just doing your assignment. I am ready and willing to help you. If you get lost, are absent, or just feel like you need extra help, do not wait until it is too late! Do not be embarrassed to ask for help. You can come see me before school, nutrition break, or after school.**