Class Expectations and Syllabus

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Galena High School 2017-2018

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Welcome to Algebra 1 for the 2016-2017 school year! We are pleased to have you in our class. We will be covering a variety of topics throughout the semester that will help you on your continuing journey through high school mathematics. Our intention is to help everyone learn in a positive atmosphere.

# SUPPLIES

* 1” or 1 ½” 3-Ring Binder with loose leaf paper (this will stay in the classroom)
* Any homework given the previous night
* Writing implement
* Scientific calculator (not required, but highly recommended)

**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.

# 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.
11. Cell phones are not to be used at any time during class, unless specified. Every student will be provided with a cell phone “locker” in which they may deposit their phone during instruction. Otherwise, phones are to remain out of sight in a backpack.

**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 chapter 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. We will use a peer system of grading homework. Quiz problems will closely resemble these items, so you are strongly encouraged to invest yourself in these assignments. Both completion and accuracy grades will be taken for these homework assignments.
* 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.
* 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. All assignments can be downloaded from my website: msrossgalena.weebly.com

**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.**

You and your parents are welcome to contact me as often as needed throughout the semester:

E-mail: tross@washoeschools.net

School Phone: (775) 851-5630, ext. 30660

**Math is not a spectator sport! You must be an active learner and participant to be successful**