



# Pre-College Math

## Mrs. Naughton

### Room 101

#### **How to Reach Me:**

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#### **Course Description:**

This course is designed to provide students with the necessary algebra skills to be successful as they progress towards college level mathematics. The focus of the course will be on operations of integers, rational numbers, and real numbers; polynomials, rational expressions, exponents, radicals, graphing, systems, and quadratics, among various other topics.

#### **Classroom Expectations:**

1. Students will be engaged and respect others.
2. Students will have all necessary supplies in order to fully participate in class.
3. Students will arrive to class **on time**. This means seated at their desk when the bell rings.
4. Cell phones and/or electronic devices will be turned off and put away during class.
5. Food and beverage (with the exception of drinks with a lid) must remain away while in class.
6. Follow all rules of Galena High School.
7. Discipline issues will follow a progressive policy with increasing consequences for subsequent disruptive behavior.

#### **Materials: these need to be brought to class everyday!**

- Pencils, Paper, and Textbook (there will be a class set provided).
  - Homework will be done online through MathXL. A code will be provided to you within the first week. Optional assignments may be given.

#### **Grades:**

- ❖ All grades posted in Infinite Campus for this class will reflect the following grade scale:

100% – 90% = A

89% – 80% = B

79% – 70% = C

69% – 60% = D

59% – 0% = F NO CREDIT

- ❖ Semester grades will be calculated using the **WCSD grade weighting guidelines for this course:**

Homework/Assignments (MathXL):	20%
Quizzes:	25%
Tests:	40%
Semester Exam:	15%

- ❖ **Homework/Assignments:** This grade is composed of the following components:
  - **MathXL Assignments:** A majority of the work in this class will be done in the computer lab on MathXL.
  - **Book Assignments:** Occasional book assignments may be given in place of MathXL assignments at the teacher's discretion.
  - **Late Work:** Students may complete late work for a unit up to the day of the Unit Test for 50% credit.
- ❖ **Quizzes:** Quizzes will be given throughout each unit to assess student understanding as we progress. These will be free-response.
- ❖ **Tests:** Tests will be given at the end of each unit. They will be free response and partial credit will be awarded for work shown on incorrect answers.
- ❖ **Semester Exam:** At the end of the semester, students will take a Final Exam that is common for all Pre-College Math students in Washoe County School District.
- ❖ **Things to Remember:**
  - You control your grades by doing work daily, actively participating, and making sure you are keeping up with the material in the class.
  - If you find yourself struggling with the material you need to make the time to come in for help before/after school.
  - If you miss class, it is your responsibility to get the assignments missed. You will have the number of days missed, plus one to turn it in before it becomes late work.
  - Be **PROACTIVE** about your grade. Waiting until the last two weeks of the semester is not the time to come ask what you can do to improve your grade. Being diligent about your grade from the beginning is the only way to enjoy sustained success in my class.

**Infinite Campus:**

Please stay on top of your grades by checking them frequently on Infinite Campus. If you have a question or concern about your grade, please make sure to bring the assignment in question with you when you come and talk to me.

**MathXL:**

MathXL is an online mathematics program that is directly linked to our textbook for this class. Students can monitor and complete their assignments for this class through MathXL. Infinite Campus will provide students with their overall grade for the assignment category. However, for detailed information regarding specific assignments, please refer to MathXL.

**\*Please return to Mrs. Naughton\***

**Parent(s) Comments, Concerns and/or Best Contact Information:**

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I have reviewed Mrs. Naughton's classroom expectations for this course with my parents, and we all understand what is expected in order for me to be successful in this class.

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Student Name

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Parent Name

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Student Signature

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