

ALGEBRA ½ D 2011-2012

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Course Description:

Algebra 1/2 is designed to prepare students for future success in Algebra, Trigonometry, Physics and Calculus. This course will introduce and reinforce skills and concepts that will be used in future mathematical endeavors. Throughout the year, students will transition from the concrete (known values) to the abstract (unknowns). Students will have homework daily, and tests throughout the year to monitor mastery of the class objectives.

Course Requirements:

1. Students are expected to read the lesson material from the book before they come to class. Special attention needs to be paid to the examples from the book.
2. Students will be required to participate in class discussions.
3. Students will keep a notebook to organize their class discussion notes, graded homework assignments, and tests.
4. Homework from the previous day will be turned in at the beginning of class.

Office Hours:

I welcome the opportunity to meet with students or parents. Parents are more than welcome to contact me to find out how things are going in class, etc. Students should make a point of seeing me as soon as they realize they are struggling with a particular concept. It is much better to deal with things sooner rather than later!

Grading:

Participation/Notebook Checks..... 10%
Homework..... 30%
Tests..... 60%

Notebook checks will be done on test days.

Mastery with Honor:

I encourage all students to challenge themselves to achieve Mastery Qualifying for Honors (MQ) by the end of the fall semester. To do so, an average of 92.5% or higher must be maintained throughout the fall semester. If a student achieves MQ at the end of the first semester, the student is eligible to complete a Mastery with Honors (MH) project to obtain MH.

Assignment for the First Day of Class:

Read Lessons 1 & 2 and do the problem set and practice problems for Lesson 1 in your Algebra ½ book. Be ready to discuss Lessons 1 & 2 in class.

Algebra ½ B Supply List:

Notebook paper-we will use A LOT!

Graph paper

Pencils (preferably mechanical) with plenty of extra lead

Quality erasers

Thick 3 ring binder

Bible (bring to class on our 2 hour day every week)