

ALGEBRA 1 B – SYLLABUS

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Books and Materials:

The basic book used in this class is California *Algebra 1: Concepts, Skills and Problem Solving* by Glencoe. Mr. McLean will also supply you with additional reading materials over the course of the year. Students will be expected to come to class prepared everyday with their appropriate book, notebook paper, writing instruments and their class binder (with dividers).

Grades

All grades will be posted on Q. It is important that the students know their computer and Q passwords at all times. Students who level change from Math Analysis CP to FST, will receive a 5% grade bump. Please be aware that changing levels/classes depends on space availability in other classes across the curriculum and may require switching the order and teachers of the student's classes.

Tests: 100 points

Quizzes: 10-30 points

Projects: 5-100 points

Final: 200 points

The grading scale is: 90-100% A

80-89% B

70-79% C

60-69% D

Below F

Tests and quizzes:

Chapter tests are worth 100 points per chapter and provide a large portion of the total points for a semester grade. Unit tests will always be announced in advance. **Quizzes** are worth anywhere from 5-25 points and **may or may not be announced in advance**. There is usually at least one quiz per chapter and often more.

Homework:

Homework is assigned on a regular basis and is designed to take roughly 30 minutes per night to complete. 2 points for every completed assignment. All problems must be attempted for credit. Each assignment must be labeled properly, organized, and complete. Illegible and incomplete assignments will not be graded. Students turning in late work will not receive full credit for the assignment, and it will only be accepted for a short time after it is due.

Classroom Work:

Students are encouraged to take notes and ask questions. Classwork assignments will often be assigned, but **may or may not** be collected. Numerous absences may result in lost opportunities to turn in classwork assignments.

Attendance and Tardy Policy

Students must come to class on time. Students who are not in his/her seat when the tardy bell rings will be marked tardy. Students who are tardy or gone for more than 15 minutes will be marked absent. Students who are absent from class for more than 30 minutes for school activities or sports will be marked absent. Please see the attendance office to clear such absences. Students who expect to be absent on a test day due to a sport or school activity need to see me ahead of time to arrange an alternate test time. According to the district's attendance policy, students will be dropped from the class if they have 18 days of absence regardless of the reason. In addition, once the student has been absent for 14 days of illness, a physician shall verify any further absences for illness.

Classroom Environment and Teacher Expectations:

- The school and district's Honesty, Tardy, Harassment, Discipline, Homework, Attendance, and Truant Policies are to be followed at all times.
- Only one person talks at a time. No talking while the teacher is talking, or while someone is asking a question. Raise your hand and wait to be called on if you would like to speak. I will not tolerate any talking or disruptions that interfere with the learning of other students or my teaching and will result in loss of participation points.
- Come to class everyday prepared, on time, with the required materials, ready to learn.
- The teacher dismisses the class, not the bell (so don't hang out around the door).
- Respect yourself and others. No putdowns! Do not put yourself or anyone else down. (This also means no swearing). Please be polite!
- Please pick up after yourself. If something falls on the floor, pick it up. If you see garbage on the floor, pick it up even if it is not yours. Don't write on the desk or in books. If you see writing that can be erased, please erase it. Help keep Westlake clean!
- No food or drinks in the classroom (except during lunchtime or after school). Water is ok.
- All **cell phones, iPods, and headphones** must be put away during class. Having an electronic device visible during a test/quiz will result in an academic dishonesty action.

Academic Honesty (Bd. Pol. 5131.9)

Definition:

Academic Dishonesty is a deliberate attempt to disrupt the learning process by misrepresenting another's work as one's own. Dishonesty during tests or classwork includes unauthorized communicating; copying materials, or allowing another student to copy; using prohibited notes or devices; obtaining prior knowledge of test content; and/or removing or distributing all or part of any test. Copying another person's assignment or providing homework/classwork for another student to replicate, plagiarism, or submitting a paper or project which is not one's own work, and submitting falsified information for grading purposes are also examples of dishonesty. Consequences:

First Infraction:

- The teacher will conference with the student and record a zero for that assignment.
- Within five school days, the teacher will notify the parent and send a referral to the appropriate administrator noting the infraction.
- The student will be placed on contract, with the understanding that a second infraction in the same or any other class will result in the student's removal from the course in which the second infraction occurred. The contract will remain in effect for two years from the date of infraction. Second Infraction:
- The teacher will send a referral to the appropriate administrator noting the infraction.
- Within five school days, the parent will be notified and the student will be removed from the course and placed in a Study Hall with a failing grade for the semester.

***There is to be no taping of any kind in my classroom. According to Ed Code 51512: The Legislature finds that the use by any person, including a pupil, of any electronic listening or recording device in any classroom of the elementary and secondary schools without the prior consent of the teacher and the principal of the school given to promote an educational purpose disrupts and impairs the teaching process and discipline in the elementary and secondary schools, and such use is prohibited. Any person, other than a pupil, who willfully violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any pupil violating this section shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. This section shall not be construed as affecting the powers, rights, and liabilities arising from

Extra Help:

Not understanding your homework is not an excuse for not completing it. I am available Wednesdays at lunch for extra help and to assist students in understanding the course content. I want every student to be successful in my class so I will provide him/her with as much opportunity for questions, review, and individual help as I can

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO MS. MORALES

Name: (Please Print) _____ Period: _____

My signature indicates that I have read the course syllabus, and that I understand and agree to the class policies.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature