

## **Algebra 1 Syllabus**

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Welcome to Algebra 1! Algebra 1 is the foundation course for higher mathematics and includes solving linear equations and inequalities with one variable, factoring and solving quadratics with one variable, recognizing, interpreting, and graphing linear, quadratic, and exponential functions. Topics are taught in greater depth with an increased amount of application work. In order to be successful in mathematics, it is critical that you actively participate in your learning.

### **Communication**

During these extraordinary circumstances, communication is vital to your success in this class. Please communicate any questions or concerns via email. I will do my best to respond as quickly as possible. Please also plan on checking your school email daily in order to stay up-to-date on any new information. Skyward will also be kept up-to-date. It is the student's responsibility to be checking Skyward regularly.

### **Google Classroom**

All lessons and materials will be available on Google Classroom. It is the student's responsibility to be checking Google Classroom daily.

### **Useful Materials**

Notebook, pencils, graph paper, folder, scientific calculator, school-issued chromebook

### **Classroom Expectations**

→ BE PREPARED! This means you have all the items necessary to complete the class period. You also need to be prepared mentally and ready to learn. This also includes bringing your chromebook to class CHARGED, everyday.

→ BE RESPECTFUL! Respect the teacher, respect your peers, respect the classroom, and respect the school. This means cheating is absolutely not tolerated. Bullying or making fun of others will also not be tolerated. This also means you follow the classroom rules in regards to electronic devices.

## Classroom Procedures

- **Entering the Classroom:** Get out all necessary materials, be seated in your assigned seat, and then begin to work quietly on the warm-up.
- **During Class Time:** You are expected to listen to the teacher's instructions, participate, and work on the assigned classwork the entire class period.
- **Leaving the Classroom:** You will be dismissed when all classroom materials are put away, all garbage is picked up, and all students are seated in their assigned seats.
- **Passes:** To leave the classroom you will need a pass from me. Please take care of using the restroom before coming to class. I will not give out passes in the first or last 10 minutes of class.
- **Asking a Question in Class:** I am happy to help you learn in whatever way I can! Raise your hand if you have an idea to share or a question. I am also available outside of class by appointment if you like extra help.
- **School Handbook:** All school rules will be adhered to in the classroom. This includes (but is not limited to) social distancing and mask requirements.

## Cell Phones

**Cell phones will not be permitted in this classroom.**

## Grading and Assessment

The number of points you earn determines your grade. Points will come from a variety of activities, homework, quizzes, tests, and projects. Skyward will be kept up-to-date, so please check it regularly. If there are questions about a grade, it is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher.

**This class will be graded based percentages.**

**Formative assessments (30%)**

**Summative assessments (70%)**

### **Late Work/Life Happens Passes:**

Per department policy, late work will not be accepted. However, life happens. Each student will be given 3 Life Happens passes at the beginning of the semester. These passes allow a student to turn in a homework assignment past the assigned due date for full credit.

Each student has 3 "Life Happens" passes. I will keep track of them as they are used. If you are unsure of how many passes you have remaining, please email me.

- a. Tests/quizzes/projects not eligible to use these passes on.
- b. Assignment must be completed before test/quiz/project on material.
- c. Please email me (bjlittle@wacohi.net) when the assignment is done informing me that it is done and you would like to use one of your "Life Happens" passes on it so that I know to check and update Skyward. This email must be received before a test/quiz/project is assigned over the material. Please include the assignment name in the email. I will respond that your grade has been updated and let you know how many passes you have remaining for the semester.

### **Absence Policy**

All materials will be available on Google Classroom whether you are in class or not. It is the student's responsibility to make up any work they miss. Students should contact the teacher to make arrangements for reasonable accommodations for completion of missed assignments.

### **Extra Help**

If you need extra help, I am happy to help! However you need to be actively involved in class, utilizing time given to ask questions and receive extra help, utilizing peer tutors, and utilizing your notes and videos on Google Classroom. You can come see me before/after school or during a study hall/PAC/homeroom if I am available. Please talk to me or email me to make arrangements.

### **Note**

This syllabus might be updated or changed to reflect the needs of the students throughout this school year. Any changes will be communicated through Google Classroom.