



South Texas Preparatory Academy

ALGEBRA 1 COURSE SUMMARY

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Teacher	Conference Times	Extension	Room	E-mail
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Purpose/Objective:

The goal of the math department is to provide each student with the mathematical skills and knowledge to be successful in their educational pursuits. In this case, to successfully pass Algebra 1.

Technology:

The utilization of technology for all subjects is an integral part of the learning process at STPA. Blackboard is an internet based programs that will be used by the math department. Students and parents will be able to find tentative testing dates, tutorial videos, test reviews as well as other supplemental materials that may be beneficial.

Formative Assessment

Frequently during the year, formative assessments will be given. These may be given in the form of homework, written or oral quiz, discussion, or test. Feedback will be given on these formative assessments. The formative assessments are critical to learning because they provide feedback as to what essential learning we will focus on next. They will help influence and shape the process of learning while we still have time to improve before test or grades are given.

Grade Categories & Weights:

1. Assignments 20%
 - a. Class work
 - b. Homework
 - d. Projects – may count as an assignment, quiz or test
2. Notes 15%
 - a. Class notes
3. Quizzes 25%
4. Tests 40%

Grading Procedures:

- All work is due at the designated assigned time.
- Students absent on a day work is due shall submit the due assignment on the first day returning to class.
- All homework is due at the beginning of the class hour.
- Assignments submitted electronically are due before the beginning of class time on the scheduled due date.
- On some occasions there will be a need for makeup work assignments. Provisions will be made during tutorial for makeup work. Students may complete the makeup work form and secure my signature upon us discussing the assignments and due date during tutorial time.
- Late homework will receive point deduction, the amount of points deducted is determined by the teacher.

Retesting procedures:

Students may retake tests only once upon completing all prerequisite work designated by the teacher and must be successfully completed within an agreed upon timeline before a retest is given. The time and date for all retests is determined by the teacher.

The grade of the re-test will be the final grade.

Quizzes, Mid-term exams, and Semester finals may not be retested.

Tutorial Availability

Students will need to sign up for tutorials. Students should confirm with teacher during the day to make sure there will be afterschool tutorial that day. If I am not available for after-school tutorial, the student may stay with another Algebra 1 teacher, there are 3 other Algebra teachers available.

Pyramid of Interventions.

The objective of this class is for every student to successfully demonstrate mastery of the Texas Essential Knowledge and skills (TEKS) and the South Texas ISD Essential Learning Outcomes (ELO's) for Math. Students not successfully progressing will be assisted by the in class pyramid of interventions and the campus pyramid of interventions. These interventions may include special class activities and assignments, required tutorial during the school day or after school, and other interventions specific for the student.

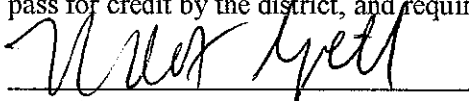
Use of Tablets/Technology.

Students do not need to purchase a graphing calculator as we have a class set. However, if you want your own, you may have your own personal calculator. (I will use only the TI-84 Plus in class).

Use of cell phones in class is not allowed. Cell phones will not be used and should not appear in class UNLESS the teacher has instructed. In special cases, a student may use a Tablet computer (IPAD or otherwise) as long as they are using it for the class, (not web browsing, music playing, or games) Examples of uses in the class are note taking apps (not taking screenshots of the board so you do not have to write down notes) or organizational apps (such as Evernote, Office 365, or others).

Algebra STAAR test EOC

In May, all students for this class will be taking an End of Course test (STAAR) that students are required to pass for credit by the district, and required to pass High School graduation



Math Dept Team Leader:

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Principal:

Mrs. Ana Castro

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent Contact email _____