

## Course Summary – Algebra 1

Course	Teacher	Conference Times	Telephone	Room	E-mail
Algebra 1	Mr. Gill	A Day 1 <sup>st</sup> period B-Day 3 <sup>rd</sup> period	(956)-381-5522 Ext 2656	138	Robert.Gill @stisd.net

**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.

### **Grade Categories and Weights:**

- 20% - Homework/Classwork
- 15% - Notes
- 25% - Daily Assessments
- 40% - Unit/Module assessments

### **Needed Supplies:**

1. Lined paper and graph paper
2. **Pencils**
3. 1 ½ inch binder with paper (or larger)
4. Colored pencils or pens or highlighters(NOT MARKERS)
5. School supply pouch to hold pens, pencils, etc

**BACKPACKS** will not be allowed in my classroom, unless given permission as a reward or there is a documented medical reason. Students will have to leave them in their locker.

**20% Daily Work.** All work is due at the designated assigned time, and will be collected at the beginning of class. Students absent on a day work is due shall submit the due assignment on the first day returning to class.

- If a student does not turn it in on time, they will have 48 hours to turn it in, or it will be given a grade of 0 (zero).
- If students turn in work, but not completed correctly, they will have it handed back and have 48 hours to turn it in, or it will be given a grade of zero.
- All homework is to be done in **PENCIL ONLY**, unless it involves some coloring/shading.

Provisions can be made during tutorial afterschool and/or Lunchtime Homework Roundup for makeup work.

**15% Notes (Binder).** Students will be expected to log onto Edmodo, and take notes off of instructional videos I made. These are not book videos or some other teacher, I make them and it is what I expect students to have some knowledge of what I am going to do the next day. These videos are not long, and it will usually take less than 30 minutes to take the notes down. There will be an organizational layout I will show students, and there will be multiple spot checking of these notes. Students will also be expected to maintain a Table of contents, and organize keeping of returned papers. Use of pens, highlighters, and markers to take notes is acceptable and encouraged.

**25% Daily Quizzes.** Students will be given assessments almost every class period over the previous objectives. It is extremely important for them to learn and do their classwork, and keep up on the notetaking, in order to maximize success on these quizzes.

Daily Quizzes cannot be retaken, so it is in the best interest of the student to keep up with their daily homework and prepare for them.

**40% Unit/Module Assessments.** At the end of each module or unit there will be a comprehensive test to see student progress. **These can be retaken** on days afterschool specified by me. **Semester finals may not be retested.**

**Tutorial Availability**

I will be available most Mondays through Thursdays, with the exception of meetings, emergencies or special activities. Students should still visit me during the day to make sure I will be staying afterschool to confirm. If I am not available, there are 3 other Algebra teachers that you should go visit.

**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 demonstrating success will have flexibility in class activities and out of class time. There are many different things I do that will help each student be successful. These include, and are not limited to:

- Being available afterschool for help multiple days for help
- Having students take notes ahead of time, which helps them take more complete notes
- Use of in class work to really work with students, and target problem areas faster
- Allowing Unit/Module tests to be retaken
- Updating the gradebook frequently, as well as communicate with the student about missing work.

**Technology Use**

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.

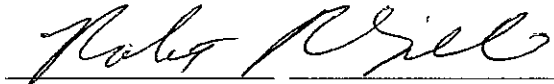
**\*Use of cell phones or charging them in class is not allowed\*.**

**Algebra STAAR test**

In May, all students for this class will be taking a End of Course test (STAAR) that students are required to pass for credit by the district, and required to pass for High School graduation. If the student does not pass the test, they will be required to take the course again in high school.

*Teacher and Math Team Leader*

Robert Gill



*Principal*

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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