



South Texas Preparatory Academy

ALGEBRA 1 COURSE SUMMARY

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Teacher	Conference Times	Telephone	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.

Technology:

The utilization of technology for all subjects is an integral part of the learning process at STPA. Study Island is an internet based program that will be used by the math department. Parent and students will be able to track academic performance via Infinite Campus website. Students may access to www.my.hrw.com where they will have access to tutorial videos and additional reference/practice materials that will be beneficial to their academic learning.

USERNAME: **stpaalgebra1** (no spaces) PASSWORD: **stparocks** Students will be provided the TI-75spire CX calculator during class time. Students do not need to purchase a graphing calculator as we have a class set. Students may check out a calculator from the library to use at home.

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

Grade Categories and Weights:

- 20% - Daily Work
- 15% - Notes
- 25% - Daily Quizzes
- 40% - Unit/Module assessments

BACKPACKS will not be allowed in my classroom. Students will have to leave them in their locker.

20% Daily Work. All daily work includes homework and classwork which are 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 students do not turn it in on time, they will have 48 hours to turn it in, or it will be given a Missing grade of 0 (zero).
- If students turn in work, but not completed correctly, they will get it 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, Study Hall and/or Lunchtime Homework Roundup for makeup work.

15% Notes (Folders). Students will be expected to log onto Edpuzzle.com, and take notes off of instructional videos posted. The purpose of the video notes is to bridge the gap between your child's learning at school and at home. 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.



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Daily Quizzes cannot be retaken, so it is in the best interest of the student to keep up with their daily homework & 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 afterschool days 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.

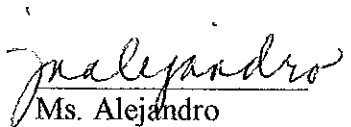
Pyramid of Interventions.


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. Students not successfully progressing will be assisted by the in-class and campus pyramid of interventions. These may include special class activities and assignments, required tutorial during the school day or after school, and other interventions specific for the student.


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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.


Ms. Alejandro
Teacher


Robert Gill
Math Team Leader


Ana Castro
Principal

I have received a copy of this course outline, have been given the opportunity to ask questions, and understand the contents:

Student Signature over Printed Name

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature over Printed Name

Date

Parent Contact Email Address _____