



# 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.

### Technology:

The utilization of technology for all subjects is an integral part of the learning process at STPA. StudyIsland is an internet based programs 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](http://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. Students will be provided the TI-*n*spire 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.

### Grade Categories and weights:

20% - Assignments

- Class work
- Homework
- Projects – may count as an assignment, quiz or test

15% - Notes

25% - Quizzes

40% - Tests

### 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.

### Grading Procedures:

- All work is due at the designated assigned time.
- All assignments must show complete work in, work must be completed in pencil or **erasable** pen.
- 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.



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### 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 higher of the two grades.

Quizzes, and Semester exams may not be retested.

### Algebra End of Course Exam

In May, all Algebra 1 students will be taking the End of Course Assessment (State Exam) as per district requirements in order to receive credit for the Algebra 1 course students must pass the exam. Algebra 1 is a required course in order to pass for High School graduation, if the student does not pass the exam, they will be required to re-take the course in high school.

### 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 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.

Teacher:

Mrs. Robert Gill

Math Dept. Team Leader:

Mr. Robert Gill

Principal:

Mrs. Ana Castro

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

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date

Parent Contact email \_\_\_\_\_