



2019-2020 Math 1 Syllabus

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GRADING SCALE

A...100-90%

B...89-80%

C...79-70%

D...69-60%

F... 59% or below (NO CREDIT)

HOW TO ACCUMULATE POINTS:

- **Assessments (50%):** This category includes unit tests, quizzes, group activities, finals, and any projects that students work on throughout the year.
- **Khan Academy (20%):** Khan Academy will be used together with in-class handouts to provide students with the opportunity to practice newly learned concepts. Students will be graded based on how many questions they were able to answer correctly; however, they will have the option to retry for a better grade.
- **Homework/Classwork (15%):** This category accounts for any handouts that are given to students throughout the week. Assignments must be stamped for completion and corrected to receive full credit. All handouts are collected on Friday. Late work is accepted at any time for half credit.
- **Basic Skills Tests (10%):** A couple of times a semester, students will be required to take what is known as a Basic Skills Test. This is a short assessment consisting of basic problems, i.e. no word problems. Students **must** get all problems correct on the Basic Skills Test to receive credit for it. However, students will have unlimited attempts at retaking the Basic Skills Test, and can even schedule to take it outside of class time.
- **Math Dictionary (5%):** The Math Dictionary is a notebook that students will be allowed to access during tests. It may contain definitions of vocabulary as well as example problems. It will be collected for grading every time we take a test.

ATTENDANCE

Attending class every day and being on time are critical. Students missing class miss out on notes, homework assignments and explanation of new material. Attendance will be taken daily and reported to the attendance office. Punctuality will also be monitored. Tardiness will be handled according to school policy.

RECOMMENDED MATERIALS

- Texas Instruments TI-30X IIS
- Graph Ruled Notebook
- An open mind



CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:

- Attend class every day.
- Complete all assignments on time.
- Be seated and prepared with writing utensils and paper.
- Treat everyone with respect, no put downs of any kind.
- Actively and positively participate in class.
- Demonstrate personal responsibility, honesty, and integrity in all of your actions.
- Follow teacher directions and requests immediately.
- Keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.
- Remain seated unless you have permission to move about the classroom.
- Keep your cellphone and other electronic devices powered off and put away.
- Make sure the area around your desk is tidy and free of trash before you leave.

CHARACTERISTICS OF QUALITY WORK:

- The work is complete with a full solution. That is, all problems are completed or at least attempted.
- The supporting work for each problem is shown completely using proper algebraic conventions and notations.
- The work is done neatly.
- The work is done accurately.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

- Academic dishonesty is considered a serious offense in my class. Students cheating will be given a zero on that assignment. I encourage collaboration on many assignments but I expect the work you hand in (assignments, exam/quiz, projects, etc.) to be your own. **Any student using their cellphone during any assessments will automatically receive a zero as a score.**

I'm looking forward to joining you on your high school journey this year. If you need extra help, I am available most days after school from 3:17 until 4:30pm. Let's both work hard to make this a successful and memorable year!

Please return this syllabus to Mr. Simpson and refer to his website for a copy.
I/We have read and understand the contents of the syllabus:

Student Name (Please Print) _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____