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**Course Description:** The first semester of this course includes quadratic expressions and equations, quadratic functions, radicals and complex numbers, exponential functions and relations, and reasoning and proof. The second semester of this course will include congruent triangles, relationships in triangles, quadrilaterals, proportions and similarities, and right triangles and trigonometry.

## Grade weight scale:

Tests/Final Exam	55%	90.0-100	A
Quizzes	20%	80.0-89.9	В
Projects/Notes	15%	70.0-79.9	С
Homework/Classwork	10%	60.0-69.9	D
		59.9 or less	F

**Tests**: It is your responsibility to make up any tests that you miss due to absence. Being absent on the day of the review will not delay taking the test. You will be required to take the test on the day as scheduled, since ample notification of test days will be given. If you are absent on the day of the test, you will be required to take the test on the day that you return. Your grade will be entered as a zero if you have a truant or an unverified absence on the day of the test. I do not give extra credit or extra work to raise grades. The only extra credit opportunities are given in the form of bonus questions at the end of tests.

**Quizzes**: If you are absent on the day of a quiz, you can either make it up immediately upon your return to school, or the quiz can be your one "dropped" quiz for the semester. If you are absent for a second quiz, and you already used your "dropped" quiz, you are required to make up the quiz immediately upon your return, or it will count as a zero. If you are present for all quizzes throughout the semester, then your true lowest quiz grade will be dropped.

**Homework/Classwork**: This will be given daily. I will only accept late work due to an excused absence. You will have one day for every day of excused absence to make up the missed work. I expect all students to give maximum effort in all work. Please attempt every problem and always show your work to earn full credit on every assignment. If you get stuck, then you will be required to write a question that would help you further your work and understanding. "I don't know" or "I don't get it" will not be accepted.

**Notes**: You must obtain a spiral notebook that will only be used for this class. You must be prepared to take notes on a daily basis. These notes will be checked periodically. They will be a great reference for you as you work on classwork and homework and when studying for tests. Be sure to write the title of the lesson at the top of the page, including the date.

**Projects**: There will be one project per semester. Late projects will be penalized, as due dates will be given well in advance. Unverified absences and/or technological difficulties will not be accepted as excuses for late projects.

**Final Exams**: An exam will be given at the end of each semester. Arrangements must be made in advance if you are going to be absent on the day of the final exam. An unverified absence will result in a zero for your final exam grade. Second semester's final is cumulative and includes questions from first semester.

**Tutoring**: Mrs. Kawa will be available after school on Tuesdays through Fridays, from 2:30 to 3pm, excluding days when I have meetings. Please check with me ahead of time to make sure that I will be available.

## **Classroom Rules**:

- 1. Follow all school rules, including no gum chewing or plagiarism.
- 2. **Cell Phones**: These need to be turned off and placed (screen side out) into the cell phone pocket holder on the wall when you walk in the classroom door. If you do not have a phone, I will follow up with your parents to double check that you either do not own one, or have had it taken away.
- 3. **Be on time**. Tardiness will not be tolerated. This is a bad habit that can lead to you getting fired from a future job. It can also cause you to miss important announcements or mathematical content.
- 4. **Be prepared**. Please see list of recommended supplies below, and make every effort to bring them to class on a daily basis. If you cannot purchase these supplies, please email me, and I may be able to assist you in obtaining certain supplies.
- 5. No eating or drinking (except water) in class.

**Homework Detentions**: I reserve the right to issue a detention to any student who is missing several homework assignments. This detention will be served in my classroom from 2:30 to 3pm the day after the detention is issued. Parents will be notified. During this detention, I will tutor students on the material from the missed homework assignments.

**Cell Phone Misuse**: <u>I reserve the right to confiscate any cell phone or headphones</u> that are being used during class time. There may be a couple times per semester that you will be allowed to access your phone for the purpose of a mathematical activity, but you must always wait for my permission before it can be used.

## Strongly Recommended Supplies\*\*

- 1. A spiral notebook
- 2. Loose-leaf paper
- 3. Textbook
- 4. Pencils
- 5. Different colored pens
- 6. Calculator (<u>A TI-84 is preferred</u>, as you may continue to use this through calculus and on the SAT)

\*\*Education Code Section 49011 (a) states: "A pupil enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a pupil fee for participation in an educational activity."

Microsoft Teams: I have created class groups, called "teams" by period, using Microsoft Teams. You can download this app on your phone, or simply access this through your Class Link and Office 365. Please be careful to look for your specific class period and use the correct join code. Period 4: ac2u3we Period 5: kmfbshi

Acknowledgement of reading this syllabus and sharing with a parent: The student shall email me at the address typed on the front of this paper, and CC a parent or guardian on the email. In the email, you may simply type "Got it!" or you may ask any questions or voice any concerns that you may have. Please also be sure to include your name (first and last) and which class period you are in.

I look forward to a great year! Best of luck to you in both your academics and extracurricular activities!