

# Algebra I

## Grading Procedure\*

**Tests/quizzes:** All tests will be announced. Quizzes may be announced. Together they will be worth approximately 35% of your grade. Being absent the day before the test does not necessarily excuse you from taking the test the following day. If the test was announced on a day that you were present, you will still be expected to take the test with the rest of the class. Tests and quizzes must be made up within one week of an absence. Failure to do so will result in a "0" for that grade. Keep in mind, make-up tests are usually different than the test the rest of the class took. A grade of a "D" or "F" on a test or a quiz may be accompanied by an additional graded assignment.

**Homework:** Homework is the most important part of this class. It is difficult to master a topic without practicing it. Homework will be given almost every night. Homework is due at the start of the class period unless otherwise noted. All homework assignments must be complete and on time to receive credit. Group projects done in class, will also count toward your homework grade (approximately 35% of your grade).

**IMPORTANT!!!** Even if your assignment is not done on time, you must still complete and turn it in before the end of the 9-week period. Each student must complete at least 75% of all assignments each 9-weeks. Failure to do so will result in an automatic "0.0" for the 9-week grading period.

**Cognitive Tutor:** The curriculum for this course requires the use of a computer. All computer work will take place in class. Grades for computer work will be worth about 30% of your grade. (more information about the Cognitive Tutor will be given in the first few weeks of school).

**Notebook:** You will be required to purchase a 3-ring binder for this class. Since the textbook for this class is huge and will not leave the room, the binder will serve as your mobile textbook. Thus, it should be brought to class **everyday**.

**Calculators:** A calculator, although not required, may be very helpful while working in class or at home. On certain topics, however, you will not be allowed to use a calculator. Calculator use is at my discretion and you will not be allowed to use a calculator on every exam or quiz. I recommend the TI-30XIIS.

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~Please keep in mind...being excused from class for activities, sports, field trips, early dismissals, etc., does not excuse you from assigned work. You are responsible for all work covered in class.

A word to the wise...this class at times will move quickly. You will have to do your best to keep up with the course. I will be available nearly everyday after school to assist you. (If you want to stay after for help, just let me know in class what day you are going to stay.) If you get far behind in this class, you will have a hard time passing.

\*This grading policy is subject to change. You will be made aware of any updates.