

Syllabus for Pre-Algebra

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Course Description: This course begins with the review of algebraic concepts. Processes which can be used to solve a variety of real world and mathematical problems explored. In order to be successful in Algebra 1 you need to master the skills in Pre-Algebra.

Grading/Testing Policy: Your grades are based on tests, classwork, homework, tasks and quizzes. Tests include unit tests, quizzes and possibly projects. Unit testing occurs about every week to week and a half. Test dates will be announced at least two days in advance so that you will have adequate time to study. The class average is determined by tests worth 70% of the grade, and classwork, homework, tasks and quizzes combined worth 30% of the grade. Quizzes are unannounced, so always be prepared for class. Assignments with no full name or assignments written in illegible handwriting will not be graded. Students who do not follow directions may also lose points. A grade report will be sent home following each nine week period for each student. **All assignments must be done in pencil.**

Grading Scale: The grading scale in this class will be that which is published in the student handbook.

100-90%	=	A
89-80%	=	B
79-70%	=	C
69-60 %	=	D
Below 60%	=	E

Course of Study:

Fall:

Tools of Algebra
Operations with Integers
Operations with Rational Numbers
Expressions and Equations
Multi-Step Equations and Inequalities
Ratio, Proportion, and Similar Figures
Percent

Spring:

Linear Functions and Graphing
Powers and Nonlinear Functions
Real Numbers and Right Triangles
Distance and Angle
Surface Area and Volume
Statistics and Probability
Looking Ahead to Algebra I

Make-up Assignments: If you miss an assignment due to an EXCUSED absence, it is your responsibility to make arrangements with the teacher. You have three days in which to see me to schedule the make-up. If you have not made prior arrangements with me in the three day time period, this will result in your receiving a zero for the missed work. Make-ups must be done after school or, with approval, during an elective class. Once you have made an appointment, it is your responsibility to keep it. If you are suspended, an administrator will request your make-up work. Upon return from your suspension, you will have three days to complete the missed work.

Student Supplies: one three ring binder with three dividers, wide ruled loose leaf paper, pencils, graph paper, colored pencils, ruler and a scientific calculator (preferably a TI-30XIIS or TI-30xa). Spiral notebooks and pens are not allowed.

Conferencing Time: Your parent may contact me at the school at (251)445-2900 and leave a message. Please feel free to call and make arrangements for a conference if you feel that it is necessary. You may also email me at valenzm@mcgill-toolen.org. Emailing will generally result in a quicker response.

Textbook: We will be using the McGraw-Hill, Pre-Algebra, 2012 textbook.

Parents, I hope you and your student have a wonderful year. I look forward to making successful strides in all of my students' math abilities.

After students have read over the syllabus, sign and date below. Give to parents to read and fill out the information below.

I have read the syllabus, and I understand it.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent email _____

Parent contact home _____ cell _____