

Algebra I Syllabus
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TEXTBOOK: Big Ideas Math Algebra I

MATERIALS: 3 ring binder, scientific calculator (TI-30XIIS recommended), pencil

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Course content includes, but is not limited to, the following: Operations with Real Numbers and Expressions; Solving and Graphing Linear Equations and Inequalities; Simplifying Radical Expressions and Solving Radical Equations, coordinate Geometry and Data Analysis. Extended periods (lab periods) will take place twice per six day cycle. Upon completing the course, students are required to take the Algebra I Keystone Exam.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS: Follow directions, be on time and prepared, be respectful, no sleeping, participate in class, no cell phones or profanity, be on task the entire period, and follow all rules established in the student handbook. All assignments turned in must be completed in **PENCIL** for full credit. At the beginning of the period, you are expected to get to work right away on your warm-up activity. During the lesson, you are expected to be taking notes in your notebook/binder. You are expected to be working in class until the bell; do not pack up early! In general, I expect you to be prepared to learn and to be respectful to me and your classmates.

ABSENT POLICY: If you miss my class, it is **YOUR** responsibility to watch the video lesson on Schoology, turn in any assignments that were due while you were out, and complete the assignments posted on Schoology. If you were absent on a lab day, make sure you see me to find out what you missed. Students will be given an equal number of days to turn in their assignments as days they were absent.

GRADING

The district grading scale will be used. Grades will be based on total points earned in the following categories:

PARTICIPATION: Class participation is a requirement of this course. Participation includes asking and answering questions, completing problems on the board, completing daily warm-ups, being on task during class time, and being prepared for class. An overall participation grade will be put in at the end of each nine weeks, but some smaller more specific participation grades may also be put in throughout the nine weeks.

HOMEWORK: Homework will be assigned daily. Assignments will be checked the next school day at the beginning of the period for completion. Homework is worth 4 points per day, with partial credit given for partially completed homework. You will receive 2 points for completing the assignment in Big Ideas Math and 2 points for turning in your work. If the assignment is a worksheet, you will receive all 4 points for turning in your work. Completed assignments will be accepted 1 day late for half credit. No credit will be given beyond 1 day. If you turn in your assignment late on Schoology, you **MUST** inform me by sending me a message on Schoology. I will not be looking for late assignments. Occasionally, I will collect and grade homework assignments for accuracy.

CLASSWORK: In class assignments will be collected and graded for accuracy. Sometimes these assignments will need to be finished at home. Points will vary.

PROJECTS: Projects will be assigned throughout this course. Specific instructions and rubrics will be given when assigned.

BINDERS: Students are expected to keep all of their notes, homework assignments, worksheets, and graded quizzes and tests in their binders. It is suggested that binders be broken into 3 parts: notes, homework, and graded assignments. Each section should be in chronological order and notes and homework assignments should be labeled with the section and the day. There will be random binder quizzes throughout the year. Points will vary.

QUIZZES/TESTS: Tests will always be announced a minimum of 3 days in advance (but generally 1 week in advance). Quizzes will both be announced and unannounced and will be given once a week. In the event of an absence, quizzes and tests must be made up on the day the student returns. Students must make up missed quizzes/tests during a study hall or Jacket Time, so they do not miss new material. Exceptions may be made for extended absences. Cheating will not be tolerated. Consequences for cheating can be found in the student handbook.

QUIZ/TEST RE-TAKES: Students may re-take any quiz/test that they receive a D or F on. Students must do this within 2 weeks of the date the quiz/test was passed back. Students must come during study hall or Jacket Time to do so; they will not be permitted to re-take quizzes/tests during class time. The grades from the original and the re-take will be averaged together.

LATE WORK: For all assignments, 2 points will be deducted for each day that an assignment is late, unless otherwise stated on a rubric.

MID-TERM and FINAL EXAM: This class will have a mid-term in the middle of the year and a cumulative final exam given at the end of the course.

NOTE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Please feel free to contact me about your student's grade or any concerns at any time throughout the year. I will update grades in Power School as often as possible, so you can stay up to date on your student's grade. I can be contacted throughout the day by email or phone. If I am in the building, I will return your call or email within 1 business day. Email is preferred.

NOTE TO STUDENTS: I am looking forward to a productive and exciting year. Please feel free to come to me if any problems shall arise; my door is always open. If you need extra help, ask to come in during a study hall or Jacket Time, and I will be happy to help if my schedule permits. I will update grades in Power School as often as possible, and you may come to me before or after class with any questions about your grade. Please keep this in your notebook.

GO TO MY TEACHER PAGE on the website for instructions to sign up for homework alerts via text message or smartphone app.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Kaminski, M.ED.
Mathematics Instructor
Freeport Area High School

Please return this form to Mrs. Kaminski in **3 school days**. This is your first assignment.

I have read and reviewed the policies set forth by Mrs. Kaminski over the first 2 pages. I understand the consequences that come about for being in violation of anything in this document and the student handbook.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Printed _____

Student Signature _____

Student Printed _____

Parent/Guardian: Please write down the phone number(s) and/or e-mail address where I can reach you.
Please indicate which method of contact is preferred.

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Any questions or comments:
