



Algebra 1/SL

2024 • Ms. Wadih • 2025

Communication with the teacher:



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Microsoft Teams (message)

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Canvas

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Class materials:



- school laptop
- spiral notebook for notes
- pencils, erasers & pens
- TI-84 Calculator (recommended)

Grades:

60%
Major Grades

40%
Minor Grades

Tests
&
Projects

Quizzes
Classwork
Homework

Classroom norms:

- Be on time
- Participate and try your best
- Be respectful
- Silence ALL electronics and put out of sight
- Have a positive attitude and have fun 😊



Course description:

Objective

The goal of Algebra I is to lay a foundation to all future math courses. Strategic Learning is an extension of Algebra I meant to support and extend the skills needed in Algebra I. Students will be able to understand and appreciate the mathematics they are studying. They will be able to read it, write it, explore it, and communicate it with confidence and be able to use mathematics as they need to in their lives.

Skills

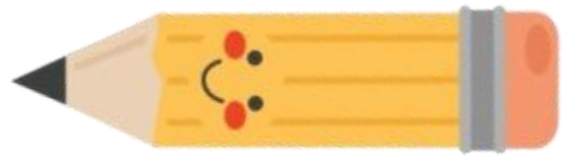
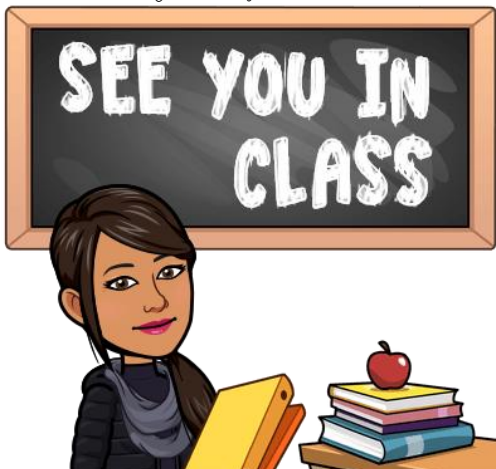
- Attention to detail
- Problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Investigating
- Conjecturing
- Predicting
- Analyzing
- Verifying
- Application
- Teamwork

Goal

This is going to be an exciting year with mathematics presented in a way that is different than anything you have done before in a math class. If you give it your best, you will be successful in this class and show mastery of all the concepts by the end of the year. Your long-term goal of becoming a high school graduate is dependent upon this class. I am looking forward to helping you achieve this goal!

Grading procedures:

- Major Assessments: Each cycle will have a minimum of three major grades. If a Project is assigned, it will also count as a major grade.
- Minor Grades: There will be a MINIMUM of two minor grades per week. These may include quizzes, activities, and homework practice.
- *Tests & Retests: If a student makes a 70% or below on a test, there will be one opportunity to retest. This retest grade will replace the failing test grade with a grade up to a 70%. Students should do corrections and attend one tutorial prior to retake. Retests will be held on certain days set by the teacher. No other make-ups allowed.
- *Late Assignments: Late work will be accepted no later than two days past the due date for a maximum grade of 70%. Grade will be a zero after that. No exceptions!
- *Academic Dishonesty: Students will receive zero for the assignment and a disciplinary referral if found cheating in any form.



Absentee policy:

Students are responsible for contacting the teacher when absent and review the Canvas course for missed lessons, activities, and assignments. Make sure to **check Canvas every day** to prevent falling behind in the course work.

If you missed a Major Assessment, you must make it up during lunch within the first two days after you come back.

If you miss a quiz, you will get a missing/zero grade, and it will be replaced by your test grade following the quiz.

Student expectations:



- 1 Be on time
- 2 Be prepared and ready to learn
- 3 Bring charged laptop every day
- 4 Silence all electronic devices and place them in your backpack
- 5 Be respectful and speak responsibly
- 6 Be ready to learn and participate!