

In the state of Texas, Algebra 1 is the first math course students take in the high school curriculum. The purpose of this course is to satisfy the Algebra 1 requirements of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills and prepare students for the Algebra 1 End of Course exam (STAAR). It can be a difficult course and may, at times, require additional time for preparation and practice. The students are expected to come to class each day with their completed homework, the proper materials, and the motivation to succeed in Algebra 1.

**Classroom Expectations:**

1. The students will come to class prepared with the necessary supplies and their completed work.
2. Students need to be in the classroom before the tardy bell rings.
3. Students are responsible for and should complete and turn-in their own work when it is due.
4. Using class time to work on assignments for another class is not allowed.
5. The students will treat others with respect and courtesy.
6. The students will refrain from eating, drinking, gum chewing, and personal grooming in class.
7. The students will refrain from sleeping in class or putting their heads down on the desks.
8. Adhere to all rules in Westside High School's Student Handbook and HISD's Code of Student Conduct.

**Consequences:**

- (1) Warning (written, verbal, or documented)
- (2) Parent Phone Call/reduced privileges
- (3) Detention/Parent Phone Call/revoked privileges
- (4) Referral to student's dean

***Cheating of any kind will result in a score of a zero and disciplinary action described in the Student Handbook***

**Textbook/Computer Requirements:**

1. A PowerUp laptop issued by the school is required. All assessments, district snapshots, and final exams will be administered online during the appropriate testing window and will not be given on paper.
2. The Algebra 1 Textbook and Textbook Assignments are available through Digital Resources in the HUB.

**Materials:**

1. Each student should have a class notebook/1" binder to keep and properly use notes
2. Students should always bring a pencil to class. Many students find colored pencils/pens and highlighters to be helpful with notes and organization, but they are not required.
3. Students will be assigned a numbered TI-84 graphing calculator for use in the classroom. Purchasing a graphing calculator for home use is not required as a graphing calculator is available on school issued laptops

**Grade Breakdown:**

Major Assignments: 60%                      Minor Assignments 40%

***Extra credit is extra work. As a result, extra credit will only be available to students who have completed and turned in all assignments. Additionally, bonus questions are offered on some quizzes and tests. The teacher reserves the right to also offer extra bonus point assignments to all students, when appropriate.***

### **Grading Procedures:**

For all multiple-choice assessments, students must show work. If answers are marked without showing relevant work, credit may not be given.

Assignments can be assigned online or given in class. Major Grade, Quizzes, and Daily Grade assignments will each be due the same day; homework assignments will be due at the beginning of the 2nd class day assigned.

If a student earns a grade lower than 80(pre) or 75(pre-AP), then a Retest Form along with test corrections must be submitted before taking a retest. Retests will be administered during lunch or Saturday tutorials.

### **Homework:**

A **tentative** schedule of lessons, homework assignments, quizzes and tests will be provided to students at the beginning of each grading cycle. Students should use this document to plan their course studies. It is expected that students keep this document in their class notebook to refer to when absent for any reason. Students should expect to have homework assigned at least twice weekly. The intent of each homework assignment is to give students an opportunity to practice the skills introduced and modeled in the classroom and to give the students an idea of the types of questions that may be seen on a quiz or a test. The homework questions will usually be discussed the next class meeting. If a student does not have their homework available in class when it is called for, no credit is given. **All work must be shown on homework to receive credit. Therefore, a sheet with just answers is not sufficient for credit.**

- If a student is absent at the class period homework is due, the assignment will be due the day he/she returns to class.
- If the student is absent from class the day a lesson is given, the student should attend the next available after school tutorial to receive help. The homework assignment for the missed lesson will be due no more than 2 days after returning from an absence.
- Students who are absent on the day a quiz or test is given must be prepared to make up the assessment on the day they return to school.

The teacher may give extensions for students with extended illnesses or emergencies on an individual basis. Extensions will not be given for lack of organization or planning on the part of the student.

### **Tutorials**

Students will have opportunities to attend tutorials either teacher scheduled or by appointment during the first half of lunch. Details will be announced in class for precise scheduling.

### **Student Keys to Success:**

- Paying full attention in class, taking good notes and reviewing them daily.
- Daily practice of previously learned concepts and working on a regular basis to learn new concepts.
- Working on homework assignments seriously and being prepared to ask specific questions when the homework is reviewed in class.
- Reviewing all quizzes and homework problems before an exam and making sure that these problems can be worked successfully without assistance.

### **Other Classroom Procedures:**

- Cell phone use and inappropriate computer use is strictly prohibited and results in a scaffold confiscation process.
- Cheating, plagiarism, or copying the work of other students which includes failure to comply with test security procedures is a Level II
- School uniforms, PowerUp laptops, and Student IDs (when issued) are required to enter the classroom.
- District and Campus policies supersede any policies set forth by the teacher in that order.
- The district's student code of conduct can be downloaded at [www.houstonisd.org/codeofconduct](http://www.houstonisd.org/codeofconduct) in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Arabic.



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