

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome! If you are receiving this email, that means your student is enrolled in OnRamps College Algebra for the 2022-2023 school year. I am excited to work with you and your student in this extremely important step in their academic careers. OnRamps courses are dual enrollment high school courses that work in collaboration with the University of Texas. If your student is successful, they will have the opportunity to gain both high school Algebra II credit and Math 301 (College Algebra) credit at the end of this school year.

OnRamps College Algebra is an inquiry based course and may be your student's first experience with college style instruction and expectations. Success in this course requires strong study skills, problem solving skills, and self-advocacy. These changes can often be a major adjustment for students, however, we are here to support your student.

To make sure your student has the best possible opportunity to gain both high school and college credit it is important that they do the following:

- (1) Attend every class and participate in all class activities.
- (2) It is also important that your student completes ALL of the assigned homework, quizzes and tests for both parts of the class.
- (3) Please support your student by making sure that they attend class and stay on top of the course requirements. This class will be modeled as if it were the college class, so many of the safety nets that are in place for a high school class such as the ability to redo assignments and extended due dates will NOT necessarily be an option.

I am here to support your student in their first college math experience in any way I can. I print out all exercises that we will work on, so I recommend students get a binder in which to keep their exercises and work. I will have a YouTube Channel where students can find videos over the topics we cover in addition to Canvas where students can find useful information and resources. Additionally, I offer daily tutoring opportunities. My intent is to make myself available in the mornings, lunch, and after school to assist my students as well as during Saturday tutorials (when I know how tutorials will be run this year I will let you know).

Finally, attached to this is the syllabus for the high school side of OnRamps College Algebra and the syllabus for the college side of OnRamps College Algebra. **Please look over the syllabi with your student and email me if you have any questions.**

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Peter Anderson