Pre-Calculus 2019-2020

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**Keep this in your notebook for future reference.**

Materials: 3-ring math binder, 3 dividers, paper, pencils, pens, and a **GRAPHING CALCULATOR**. (It is strongly suggested that each student purchase a graphing calculator for home/class use in Pre-Calc RECOMMENDED: TI-83, TI-83plus, TI-84, TI-84 Plus CE, or TI-84 plus… NOT RECOMMENDED: Casios, TI-89s and TI-Nspires CAS.)

Attendance: Attendance is required during every scheduled class period. The only way a student will be allowed to make up work is if his/her absence was excused through the attendance office. After 9 absences, per semester, a student may be dropped from the class.

Tardies: Any student, who is not in their seat prepared to begin working when the late bell rings, will be considered tardy, unless they have a signed pass. Should being tardy become a habit, detention will be assigned.

Homework: will include book work, worksheets, and potential on-line work

ALL Homework will:

1. Be done in pencil and corrected in pen.
2. Include the appropriate work to make the method of solution clear or no credit.

A list of answers is not acceptable.

All problems must be attempted.

1. Be kept in an organized 3-ringed binder.
2. Be checked daily.

NO unexcused late work will be given **credit**. However, all assignments must be completed to participate with their group for any Group Tests.

Makeup Work:

1. The student has an equal number of days to make up any missing assignments, tests, quizzes, or projects equal to the number of days their absences were excused (students will not be reminded that they are missing work).
2. It is the student's responsibility to turn in the missing assignments by the prescribed time, or he/she will receive a zero (this also applies for tests & quizzes).
3. Tests, quizzes, & some class assignments can only be made up at conference or after school.

Tutoring hours:

-After School – Tuesday and Thursday, additional hours are available upon request.

Classroom Expectations:

In my classroom I expect excellent behavior and participation, including a “community”-type atmosphere where mathematics is discussed and mistakes are made as part of the normal learning process. An atmosphere of mutual respect where you respect my right to teach and I respect your right to learn is required. All school rules and policies are to be followed, but I expect that you demonstrate common sense. There are many occasions where stopping to think before you respond will create a better classroom environment for everyone. Since students learn best by being an active participant, it is required that all students participate in all class activities.

### Classroom Rules and Consequences:

1. **Be prepared** everyday with pencil and eraser, pen, loose-leaf/notebook paper, binder, and completed homework. It also means that you have taken care of personal business before coming to class.
2. **Be respectful** to yourself, your classmates and me. It also includes having respect for any property or belongings that are not owned by you personally. No put-downs or cursing.
3. **Follow directions** the **FIRST** time they are given.
4. **During instruction, raise your hand to speak.** Enter the room and work quietly.
5. **Follow ALL school rules** making sure to carry your ID at all times and to leave electronic devices, including cell phones turned off and out of site.

**The following actions will be taken for violations of any class policies:**

1st Offense Warning

2nd Offense Student Conference

3rd Offense Call to your Parent/Guardian

4th Offense Referral to administration

 \*Depending on the severity, a referral may occur at any time.

Text: : Precalculus: Graphical, Numerical, Algebraic

Pearson ISBN: 978-0-13-351845-0

Each Student will be assigned text book for home use if available. We also should have a class set of textbooks for use here at school.

Cheating: Cheating is not acceptable in my class and consequences will be enforced. Both parties who participate in cheating (including tests, quizzes, homework and/or computer work) will receive a zero on the test or assignment. Any incidents will follow the student conduct guidelines. There are no exceptions.

Grades: Please check the Infinite Campus Parent Portal OFTEN to be informed about the student’s grades.

Quarter grades will be broken down as follows:

70% Unit tests, group tests, and quizzes

 30%- Homework, classwork

Quarter grades will be rounded as: Semester grades will be calculated:

 100%-90% = A 40%-First Quarter Grade

 89%-80% = B 40%-Second Quarter Grade

 79%-70% = C 20%-Final Exam

 69%-60% = D

 59% & below = F

Performance: It is *imperative* that students stay on top of their homework and assignments. This class is rigorous and fast paced at times, and students are expected to seek help if they need it. If at the first progress report, 4 weeks into the quarter, a student is carrying a grade of 69% or lower a parent/teacher/student conference will be requested to formulate a plan for the student’s success. At this time, the student may be transferred to an on level class.

Diversity Statement:  All individuals have a right to an educational environment free from bias, prejudice and bigotry. As members of the Hamilton High School educational community, students are expected to refrain from participating in acts of harassment that are designed to demean another student’s race, gender, ethnicity, religious preference, disability or sexual orientation.

CELL PHONES WILL BE PLACED IN PHONE CADDY AT FRONT OF ROOM EACH AND EVERY DAY AT BEGINNING OF CLASS. CELL PHONE VIOLATION WILL BE DEALT WITH BY TEACHER. PHONES WILL BE CONFISCATED AND GIVEN TO SECURITY FOR REPEAT OFFENDERS.

PROFANITY IS NOT ALLOWED.

NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM.

Please feel free to call or email with any questions. lowery.john@cusd80.com Voice Mail: 480-424-8326

I am looking forward to a great year!!

Thank you,

Mr. John Lowery