

## Syllabus for Honors Algebra II (2020-2021)

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

**Materials:** 3-ring math binder, 3 subject dividers, lined paper, graph paper, pencils, pens, and a **GRAPHING CALCULATOR**. (It is strongly suggested that each student purchase a graphing calculator for home/class use in ALGEBRA 2.. RECOMMENDED: TI-83, TI-83plus, **TI-84 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. During virtual learning, students who are not able to attend virtual in-person lessons during scheduled class periods, must email the teacher at [nielsen.thomas@cusd80.com](mailto:nielsen.thomas@cusd80.com). Student is responsible for watching videos of missed lessons and all work will be due at the assigned times.

**Virtual Attendance:** Attendance is based on engagement. If a student is not present for synchronous instruction and does not complete the asynchronous/alternative assignment for the daily class meeting, then the student is considered absent. Teachers will contact attendance clerks once a student is determined to be absent.

**Virtual Learning Expectations:** Each class meeting day, students will check Google Classroom, and will attend class virtually by clicking on the Google Meets link (found in Google Classroom) at the start of the period for that class. Students should be checking their gmail ([\\_\\_\\_@gse.cusd80.com](mailto:___@gse.cusd80.com)) for updates and notifications.

**Appropriate use of technology – board policy IJNDC-R:** The Governing Board intends that technological resources provided by the District be used in a safe responsible and proper manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning. It is the policy of the Chandler Unified School District to maintain an environment that promotes ethical and responsible conduct in all electronic resource activities by staff and students. The District reserves the right to monitor use of the District's systems for improper use without warning or prior consent. Students shall be informed that computer files and electronic communications, including email, are not private and may be accessed by the District at any time. Inappropriate use may result in disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with the law and Board policy. Please visit the student handbook at <https://www.cusd80.com/handbooks> for further details about appropriate use of technology use.

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. When a student is tardy, he/she will be assigned to After School Detention (ASD) from 2:30-3:30 to be served the following day. After 5 tardies, a referral will be written.

### Homework:

Even though most homework will be done on-line, ALL Homework will:

Be completed ON PAPER in pencil and corrected in pen whether we are in person or virtual.

Include the appropriate work to make the method of solution clear or no credit.

A list of answers is not acceptable.

My.hrw.com assignments are due at the beginning of the next class period. **The due date in My.hrw.com WILL BE DIFFERENT.** When in doubt use the calendar due dates.

All problems must be attempted.

Be kept in an organized 3-ringed binder.

Be checked or collected during class.

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 after school.

### ASD:

Students will be assigned After School Detention for unexcused tardies and incomplete assignments. If the student does not come to ASD on their assigned day, a referral may be sent to administration.

### Tutoring hours:

Tuesday and Fridays after school 2:30-3:30, additional hours are available upon request.

### Class Expectations:

In my class 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 learning 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 (Virtually and In Person):

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. This 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.**

### **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: *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Algebra 2*

**Website:**     **my.hrw.com**

**Username:**   **s+student ID+@cusd**

**Password:**   **s+student ID!**

We have a class set of textbooks. All students will have access to an online interactive and PDF version of the textbook. Each student has their own sign in and password. Most homework will be entered online but students still need to show their work on a separate sheet of paper. The program has occasional glitches. Please be patient and report any you come across to my.hrw.com. 1-800-323-9239

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 your student's grades.

Quarter grades will be broken down as follows:

- 50%- Unit tests, group tests
- 35%- Quizzes, Challenge problems, etc.
- 15%- Homework, classwork, participation, etc.

Quarter grades will be rounded as:

- 100%-90% = A
- 89%-80% = B
- 79%-70% = C
- 69%-60% = D
- 59% & below = F

Semester grades will be calculated:

- 40%-First Quarter Grade
- 40%-Second Quarter Grade
- 20%-Final Exam

Honors: 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.

**Communication:** Students should sign up for my Remind (a free text-based notification app) to receive announcements and to directly communicate with the teacher.  
Text code @nielsentom  
to 81010 to join. Parents are also welcomed to join.

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 CONFISCATED AND GIVEN TO SECURITY FOR REPEAT OFFENDERS.  
PROFANITY IS NOT ALLOWED.  
NO FOOD OR DRINK, other than water, IS ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM WITHOUT PERMISSION.**

Please feel free to call or email with any questions. [nielsen.thomas@cusd80.com](mailto:nielsen.thomas@cusd80.com)  
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I am looking forward to a very interesting and great year!!

Respectfully,

Tom Nielsen, M.Ed.

