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Algebra 1

2023-2024

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| **Contact:**Angie KnutsenRoom: C9Email: Knutsen.angie@cusd80.comPhone: (480)424-8239**Required Textbook:**Algebra I, Big Ideas 2015 Edition (Online)[www.bigideasmath.com](http://www.bigideasmath.com) **Required Class Materials:*** **1- or 2-inch binder or 3-pronged folder for each quarter- this will be a math ONLY binder/folder. No other subjects should be in this binder/folder.**
* **Pencils and erasers– many of them!**
* **Lined paper**
* **Graph paper (1/4 inch is best)**
* **Dry erase markers – Many of them!**
* **Colored pens (erasable if possible)**
* **Straight edge (ie. Small ruler)**
* **Graphing Calculator (if possible)**
	+ **TI-83, TI-84, or TI-84 CE calculator (please avoid Casio) -- I recommend getting TI-84 CE (can use into college)**
* **Headphones w/jack – optional**
* **Sheet protectors – optional**
 | Office Hours:7:00-7:30 – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday2:30-3:00 – Tuesday, Thursday \*Days and times are subject to change. Meetings may interfere with tutoring times and will keep students posted via Google Classroom. Please remember these hours are for ALL my students and are not a one-on-one tutoring session. Tutoring sessions may become busier during quizzing and testing time. \*Students not using their time wisely in class will not be allowed in tutoring.**Classroom Culture:**The classroom culture with be centered around 4 classroom core values. * Take Responsibility: Student will be expected to own up to their good, their bad and their ugly
* Initiate Respect: Put others’ need above their own
* Lead Courageously: Go against the flow
* Reject Passivity: You can do hard things!
* Smile and laugh: Enjoy coming to class and learning together!
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**Guidelines**

* Follow Casteel guidelines as outlined in the student handbook.
* When in the classroom, cell phone zipped inside your backpack and either powered off or on silent. Your phone cannot be used as a calculator at school.  Your phone CAN be used the last 5 minutes of class on non-assessment days to either take pictures of problems from the math book or class notes.
* Students cannot wear hats in the classroom.  No gum, eating, or drinking anything other than water.
* Follow ALL Casteel guidelines when using sources posted by teachers online. This includes but not limited to Google Classroom, Meets, Recorded Lessons, etc.

**Assignment Policy:**

The assignment grade makes up 25% of the grade for Algebra 1 students.

* Homework will be graded by getting a score of 100 points. Problems will be picked at random and graded by the teacher for each assignment.
* All work ***must*** be shown and written out in order to receive credit. Answers will be required to be input into Big Ideas [www.bigideasmath.com](http://www.bigideasmath.com) . **BOTH ARE REQUIRED**. **NO WORK and NO BIG IDEAS NO CREDIT!**
* A late assignment will result in a 25% deduction. Any late work after the Test will be 50% deduction.
	+ Assignments are due at the beginning of class. Students that are working on it during class time or are tardy without a pass will result in late work deduction.
* Students will receive an M for any missing assignments in the Gradebook.

**Assessments**

Assessment grades make up 75% of the grade for Algebra 1 students. 45% will be Tests and the other 30% will be Quizzes.

Tests will be composed of material from the whole chapter. There will be quizzes (at least 1) per chapter prior to a test. Quizzes will cover material in the current chapter and may occur mid-chapter or prior to the chapter test.

Students are required to reschedule a missed test or quiz with their teacher. Arrangements should be made as soon as possible upon return to school.

Quizzes can be corrected for half points back. All work must be completed. Quiz corrections must be completed before the Chapter Test.

One Test Retake allowed per quarter. All work must be completed before Retake.

This excludes Semester Exams and occasionally the last test of the quarter.

Test and Quizzes do NOT go home with students. They are lockdown assessments and are not allowed to be taken home. Students who take home a quiz or test will have the following consequence:

* First offense 50% off their score with 3 days lunch detention
* Multiple offenses will result in a 0% and a referral for cheating will go on students record

**Quarter/Semester Grades**

At the end of each semester, there will be a comprehensive final exam covering material from the entire semester.  At the end of quarters 1 & 3, there will be a graded project/activity/or Midterm Exam and the grade will be input for the following quarter.

Quarter Grades do NOT get rounded. They stay as they are.

Semester grades are broken down as follows:

* Each quarter makes up 40% of the semester grade (2 quarters)
* The Final Exam makes up the other 20% of the semester grade.
* Semester Grades have a possibility of being rounded but that is subject to student responsibility throughout the year and completing the semester project/activity. See other page.
	+ Students with any Missing work will **not** have their grade rounded (for either quarter in the semester)
	+ Students with 5 or more assignments turned in late in each quarter will **not** have their grade rounded.
	+ Students that misbehave, receive referrals, and/or get suspended will **not** have their grade rounded.

\*Syllabus is subject to change throughout the year. Please keep up to date with this.

**Attendance and Tardy Policy:**

Absences are limited to 10 class periods per semester district policy. If you need to miss an exam, make prior arrangements with the teacher. There will be NO make-ups until the absence is officially excused.

When the absence is excused, the STUDENT will be responsible for communicating with the teacher to receive make-up work, INCLUDING exams.

The following tardy policy will be enforced:

1. Reminder of the tardy policy
2. Lunch detention and a parent contact.
3. A referral, a parent phone call home, and three days lunch detention

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By signing this page, both parent(s)/guardian(s) and student agree to adhere to the syllabus and expectations set in place. We understand that this class is a high school level class. We also agree to the requirements stated above in order to stay in the honors program at Casteel High School. We also acknowledge that the teacher will not round grades for any missing work or multiple late work submissions.

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