

Algebra 1 Syllabus

Dear student and parents,

Welcome to our Algebra 1 class! We will try our hardest over the next several months to help you learn to your potential. To get started, we wanted to tell you about a few expectations and rules we have for you.

Materials:

- *[Textbook](#) *Algebra 1*, Carter Cuevas Day Malloy Holliday Luchin (ISBN: 978-0-07-663923-6)
- *Pencil (with eraser)
- *Notebook & paper (divided into 3 sections)
- *Folder
- *Calculator (TI-84 Plus CE is required)

Points in our class break down as follows:

Student Work	15%	90-100	A
• <i>Formative Assessments/Participation/Classwork</i>	(10%)	80-89	B
• <i>Homework</i>	(5%)	70-79	C
Quizzes (per semester 8/8)	35%	60-69	D
Tests(per semester 4/4)	40%	0-59	F
Midterm/Final (per semester 1/1)	10%		

Homework/Classwork:

- Homework in this class may seem a bit different than courses you have taken in the past. Some concepts will be covered using what is referred to as a “**Flipped Classroom**.” In a nut shell, a Flipped Classroom is where the students watch a short video at home and practice and apply the concepts with us in class. Other assignments may be online utilizing our text platform. If you have concerns or questions, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you.
- That being said, there are still homework assignments of some sort to be performed typically on a daily basis. We will still give credit for work done in class. We will also give an enrichment assignment for every unit for students who feel they need extra practice. The homework/classwork completion will be inputted at the end of every unit. Work will be checked AT RANDOM during class, so be sure to keep up with your work. When we do collect an assignment, there are a few things we are interested in seeing. We want your **name/assignment/period**. Please be clear and concise.
- We do not accept late work. Absences do not make you excused from missed work (you have as many days to make it up as you missed). If you miss a test or a quiz expect to make it up the next day during class. An absence the day before a test does not excuse you from the test. You can also make up assessments with us by appointment. Regardless, please communicate with us how you intend to make-up what you missed.

Behavior and Class Participation:

- Please be on time, courteous, and respectful. You are a young adult in high school; the key words here being young adult. We will treat you as an adult and we expect that same level of respect back. However, if you chose to act poorly in our class we will follow school guidelines for disciplinary actions.
- Participation is required. In math, we feel as though you learn best by your mistakes than any other way; so please, participate in class. As you can see above, participation is part of your grade; however, we do take participation into consideration for your overall grade as well.
“You can never make the same mistake twice because the second time you make it, it's not a mistake, it's a choice.”

Quizzes and Tests

- You will most likely have one to two quizzes per unit. You will also have a test at the end of each unit.
- Retakes:
 - Students are eligible for one retake per unit assessment.
 - The higher score will be taken.
 - Students have until the next unit test (midterm after unit 4 or final after unit 8) at a maximum to retake the assessment.
 - Students must complete the Retake Request Form on the first page of the review packet. This is turned in to the teacher.
 - Students must complete the SD308 unit retake review sheet with work shown at a minimum to be eligible to retake an assessment.

Extra Help: We are typically available every day before or after school except Friday. All we ask is a day notification that you will be coming in to get help. Oswego East will also be offering some tutoring starting in September (more information to come).

Extra Credit: We do offer some extra credit. We will inform you as those opportunities arise.

Things to keep in mind:

- * Pencil must be used on everything, especially tests and quizzes. We will NOT supply pencils.
- * You may NOT share calculators during tests or quizzes.
- * If you are caught cheating in any form, you will receive a zero for that work. We will not give any warnings!

Parents/Guardians:

Parent contact is extremely important to us. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Also feel free to follow our class with Mr. Thurlwell's [blog](#) and [Remind101](#) options. The best way to communicate with us is via EMAIL! Our email addresses are provided below. If you'd like a hard copy of this syllabus, one is located on Mr. Thurlwell's webpage with the address below.

<http://www.sd308.org/Domain/1535>

Finally, we want nothing more than to help you in this class, so please ask questions, and come in for help. If you have an issue with something we are doing in class, or are concerned with anything at all, please talk to us about it. We cannot try to correct the problem if we do not know what it is in the first place! Good luck with the semester and remember we are here to help you. This is your first assignment, get things started in the right direction, and turn the syllabus in! (We'll give you a shortened copy to save paper)

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