Dear student and parents,

Welcome to my Algebra 1 class! I will try my hardest over the next several months to help you learn to your potential. To get started, I wanted to tell you about a few expectations and rules I 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 my class break down as follows:

| Student Work | 15% | 90-100 A |
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| Formative Assessments/Participation/Classwork | (10%) | 80-89 B |
| Homework | (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 then 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. I will still give credit for work done in class. I 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 I do collect an assignment, there are a few things I am interested in seeing. I want your name/assignment/period. Please be clear and concise.
- I 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 quizzes and tests in the math testing center or with me by appointment. Regardless, please communicate with me 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. I will treat you as an adult and I expect that same level of respect back. However, if you chose to act poorly in my class I will follow school guidelines for disciplinary actions.
- Participation is required. In math, I feel as though you learn sometimes 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, I do take participation into consideration for your overall grade as well.

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.

<u>Extra Help:</u> I am typically available every day before or after school except Friday. All I 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: I do offer some extra credit. I will inform you as those opportunities arise.

Things to keep in mind:

- * Pencil must be used on everything, especially tests and quizzes. I 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. I will not give any warnings!

Parents/Guardians:

Parent contact is extremely important to me. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Also feel free to follow our class with my <u>blog</u> and <u>Remind101</u> options. The best way to communicate with me is via EMAIL! My email address is provided below. If you'd like a hard copy of this syllabus, one is located on my webpage with the address below.

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

Finally, I 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 I am doing in class, or are concerned with anything at all, please talk to me about it. I cannot try to correct the problem if I do not know what it is in the first place! Good luck with the semester and remember I am here to help you. This is your first assignment, get things started in the right direction, and turn it in!

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