



Algebra I Course Syllabus

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- **Course title:** Algebra I
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 - I'm available for help before and after school or during 1st period. Please make arrangements for help before/after school so that I can plan accordingly.
- **Course Description:**

Algebra I generalizes the concepts of arithmetic (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) through the use of literal symbols. Students must develop the ability to reason abstractly. Topics include basic operations on signed numbers, fundamental concepts of exponents, factoring, and solutions of linear and quadratic equations. Algebra I is a prerequisite for such high school courses as modern geometry, chemistry and physics. It is strongly recommended a student have a TI-83, TI-83 Plus, or TI-84 calculator.
- **Textbooks, Readings and Materials:**

Organization is a very important part of this class. Students are required to keep a three-ring binder specifically for Algebra I. The binder must have 3 dividers for Notes, Homework, and Quizzes/Tests. Students should bring the three-ring binder to class every day. Students also will be required to have loose-leaf notebook paper, pencils, and a calculator (Graphing Calculators are highly recommended).
- **Grading:**

Grades will be calculated on a point system. This course will follow the grade system in the student handbook on page 27.

 - **Homework** will be assigned almost every day of the week. Each assignment is worth 4 points and is checked in for effort and completeness. Some assignments may be graded for correctness at random times. Partial credit will be given for partially completed assignments. You have the opportunity to turn in assignments late for partial credit. The late assignments must be turned in before the corresponding chapter test. A zero will be entered for each assignment not completed. Homework is for your benefit and helps you be successful in the class. The more practice you get, the better you will grasp the concepts we cover. **SHOW ALL WORK!** If you are absent then it is your responsibility to see me for what you have missed. Missed assignments should be turned in within the number of school days you missed to receive credit unless there are special circumstances in which more time would be given. If you are absent more than 2 days, your parents should call school to request your assignments.

- **Tests/Quizzes:** There will be a couple of quizzes and one test per unit. The point values of the quizzes and tests will vary. There will be some “pop” quizzes! If an unexcused absence falls on a test day, 0 points will be recorded for your score. If an excused absence is on a test or announced quiz day, a make-up test or quiz will be scheduled for during a study hall or before/after school. The test must be made up the day you return or up to two days later. Point values will vary.
- **Notebook/Participation:** Students will show their participation in class by taking notes. Students are required to keep a notebook with notes, homework, and tests/quizzes. These notebooks will be graded on the test day at the end of the unit. Students are required to have all items in their notebook for full credit. Notebooks are worth 20-30 points.
- **In-class assignments** will be given throughout the quarter. These assignments may be done independently or with a group. The assignments are usually worth 10-30 points.
- **Projects:** There will be a few projects throughout the year. Projects will require students to apply their knowledge in a more real-life setting. Point values will vary.

Grading Scale:

A+ 98-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69
A 93-97	B 83-86	C 73-76	D 60-66
A- 90-92	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	F 59-0

• **Class Expectations:**

- **Be on time, prepared, and ready to work when the bell rings.** If you are a few seconds late, you will have two “freebies” before I issue you a demerit. If you are several minutes late, you will automatically receive a demerit.
- **Be respectful to the teacher and all other students.** No cussing, teasing, or putting down another student.
- **Follow directions the first time they are given.** This includes following all of the rules in the student handbook.
- **Do your own work!!!! NO CHEATING!!!!**
- **NO FOOD OR DRINK!!!!**
- **No Cell Phones or iPods!!!**

• **Suggestions for Success:**

- Follow all classroom and school rules.
- Ask questions! They are always welcome!
- Take notes in class. Keep your notebooks updated. **STAY ORGANIZED!!!**
- Complete all assignments!!! Use your agenda book to keep track of assignments as well as upcoming tests and quizzes.
- Use the Algebra I website for extra help or to access problems out of your book. There are also great lesson tutorials if you happen to miss a day of school.
 - www.phschool.com
 - Code: ate-0075

- **AFFIDAVIT**

I have read and fully understand the class syllabus.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

The best way to contact me is...
(Check all that apply & please write legibly)

Phone

Home: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____ Other: _____

Email

Email 1: _____

Email 2: _____

To Parents:

Please do not hesitate to email (best way to reach me) or call at any time with any concerns you might have about your child. I want to have an open line of communication in order to ensure your child's success in my classroom.

Thank you,

April McGough