

Algebra I

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Classroom/Office hours:

I am at school by 7 am **every morning** and I stay till 5 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. You may use my room as a study area or seek help during that time. My cell phone number is located on my whiteboard - you can text me to open the front door before 8 am.

Course Description:

Algebra I is the first course in graphing and analyzing function notation. All students must master the common core standards and they will be our primary objective. This rigorous course requires cooperative learning which we use to demonstrate understanding of the material. This course is required for all students to proceed to Algebra II next year.

Textbook:

Big Ideas MATH - *Algebra I A Common Core Curriculum* - Larson & Boswell

Supplies:

- Large 3 ring binder
- Pencils
- Graph paper & colored pencils, if you prefer your own

Note: Students will have Chromebooks for classes - We will extensively use Desmos and/or Geogebra for technology in the classroom. You do not need to purchase a calculator.

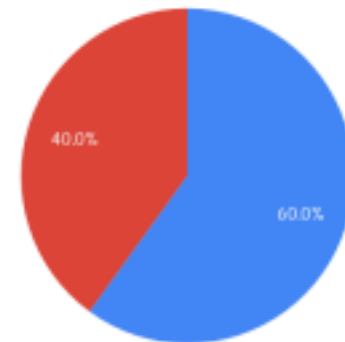
Grading System:

Standards Quiz Policy (formative assessments)

1. You only have 2 opportunities to pass a standards quiz in class.
2. Every quiz question will be reviewed the following day.
3. First quiz scores will be recorded in the gradebook. The second quiz score will replace the first score.

Unit Test Policy (summative assessments)

1. Test questions will be identified by learning goals and test scores will be grouped by them.
2. **All students have 2 opportunities to test on a unit.**
3. Re-tests will be used to assess only failed objectives (80% or below) from the test.
4. Test scores will replace the failing sections in the gradebook.



● Chapter Tests & Standards Quizzes ● Classwork & Practice Work

Rules and Expectations:

1. We try our best, everyday, all day - no excuses.
2. Be on time - We need to be in class and prepared to work.
3. My room, my rules. There are great expectations for each of you.

Perks:

- You earn Killebucks!

What do you do with these Killebucks? Hoard 10 of them - get a homework exemption. Use them to purchase pens, pencils, and erasers, lead for mechanical pencils, folders, and candy. They are your currency in my class.

Consequences:

- 1st warning - verbal reminder to stay focused
- 2nd warning - automatic loss of daily grade (could be homework or test!)
- 3rd warning - stay 2 minutes after the bell, removed to hallway
- 4th warning - office referral for after school detention (with me), phone conference with parent
- Extreme offense - immediate suspension from class & AEA, personal conference with parent

Homework and Makeup Work:

Students will be given a pacing guide at the beginning of each unit. This guide will contain dates, pages covered, and homework assignments for the entire unit in advance. Students will be expected to collect their assignments prior to absences and use a sign out sheet in order to receive credit for missing work. Assignments not found in the textbook or online are available in the homework crate in class inside the appropriate folder. At the end of every week, Ms. Killebrew will announce the required assignments for the next week's eligibility - any items not turned in before the following Wednesday at 8 am will be recorded as zero. Assignments can be turned in for full credit until the unit test. Re-tests will occur outside of class time, and for those with missing assignments or absences, no re-test until all work is turned in. Any missed tests due to absences must be made up in a reasonable amount of time - refer to my office hours for feasible times for make-ups. **Missing assignments are not allowed - practice assignments are specifically chosen to help learn the material.**