**ALGEBRA I**

**Guidelines and Expectations**

**Semester 1 2014/2015**

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**Office Hours**

I am available during **access hours** and after school on **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday until 3:15** or by appointment. I can be reached by email or voicemail but you will receive a faster response through email.

**Course Description**

This course contains both content that reviews or extends concepts and skills learned in previous grades and new, more abstract concepts in algebra. Students will gain proficiency in topics covered under course topics.

**Course Topics**

[Relationships between Quantities and Reasoning with Equations](https://ccap.jeffco.k12.co.us/Planning/UnitPlans/View/466?YearAtAGlanceId=3)

[Linear Relationships, Modeling and Systems of Equations](https://ccap.jeffco.k12.co.us/Planning/UnitPlans/View/796?YearAtAGlanceId=3)

[Exponential Relationships and Modeling](https://ccap.jeffco.k12.co.us/Planning/UnitPlans/View/811?YearAtAGlanceId=3) Quadratic Functions

Polynomial Expressions and Equations

Quadratic Relationships and Modeling

Interpreting Functions

**Textbook**

Everyone will be issued a textbook. Students are required to bring it to class every day. Students may not leave them or store them in the classroom.***Textbooks MUST be covered****.*

Algebra 1, Prentice Hall. Replacement cost $90.

**Required Materials**

Three Subject Notebook

Paper/Graph paper

Three-Ring binder

1 Box of Kleenex for classroom

Pencils

1 Dry Erase Marker for classroom

Covered math text

TI-84 or TI-84 PLUS Calculator

**Grading Scale**

A= 90-100% B=80-89.99% C=70-79.99% D=60-69.99% F=59.99% and below

Math Department Policy states **NO ROUNDING UP GRADES**.

**Evaluation**

Homework/Participation 20%

Tests 45%

Quizzes 25%

Final Exam 10%

**Homework/Participation**: Homework will be given on a daily basis and is expected to be completed by the following class period. NO LATE HOMEWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED. A daily homework grade will be given based on completion of the assignment*. All assignments must include the original problem, your work, and answer to receive full credit.*  It is important to keep up with assignments to be successful in the class. You should keep all notes/homework in your notebook. All assignments are posted on the classroom whiteboard as well as my website. Points will be subtracted from the daily participation grade for unacceptable behaviors including but not limited to tardiness, coming to class unprepared, talking or other class disruptions, or not using time wisely.

**Quizzes**: Quizzes will be given frequently. Missed quizzes do not have to be made up. If you chose to make a quiz, it must be completed within two days. If not, I will record the percent you make on the chapter test for the miss quiz, For example, if you make an 80% on the test, I will record 8 out of 10 for the missed quiz.

**Tests:** Test will generally be at the end of each chapter. No notes, note cards, or books may be used during tests. You will be advised, in advanced which formulas you need to memorize and which I will give to you. **There are no retakes for chapter test. All tests are done in pencil.**

**Behavioral Expectations**

Be respectful to your classmates, teacher, and yourself. *DO NOT DISTRACT THE LEARNING OF OTHERS.*

Be in your assigned seat before the bell rings.

Be prepared everyday by bringing math book, homework, notes, and pencils.

All warm-ups, notes, examples and homework assignments should be done in your note book.

***Cell phones and electronics are prohibited.*** Cell phones may not be used as calculators.

Food and drink are prohibited at all times.

All rules in the JeffCo/EHS Handbook will be followed.

**Attendance and Tardiness**

Excessive absenteeism and tardiness in any course creates a situation in which the student cannot succeed. Tardiness will be strictly enforced. EHS attendance policies and procedures will be followed.

You have two school days for each day you are absent to make up homework. You have one week to make up a test after an absence. If you do not make up missed work within these time limits you will receive a zero for the assignment or test. Tests are to be made up during access unless you make alternate arrangements with me.

**Suggestions for Success**

*Algebra 1 can be difficult and time consuming for many students. There are lots of concepts and information being taught in a short amount of time. Here are some helpful hints to ensure a successful year:*

It is important to be at school every day, the more classes you miss, the further behind you will become.

DO YOUR HOMEWORK.

As soon as you begin to have trouble with the current material, please plan to get some help with me or another math teacher. I am available before school during access and after school.

Check your grades and the calendar online daily.

Ask questions about material you need help with or do not know how to do.

If you have questions outside of class or school, send me an email. As long as your email is polite and appropriate, I will respond.

Use the website [www.hotmath.com](http://www.hotmath.com) for extra practice or the links on my website for each section of the textbook..

**Commitment**

Parents and students should read and discuss this information sheet. Please sign in the appropriate blanks signifying that you understand. Turn in signature page to Ms. Paulus for a homework grade by Friday August 22nd. Keep remainder of Expectation sheets in your notebook/binder to reference throughout the year. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

**ALGEBRA I EXPECTIONS**

SEMESTER 1 2014-2015

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