**Course Syllabus**

**Algebra 1a**

**2020-2021**

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**Overview:**The intention of this course (Algebra 1a) is to prepare students for the challenges in next year’s Algebra 1 Honors. Therefore, this course will foster interactive learning through student writing, reading, speaking, and collaborative activities so students can learn to work effectively with peers; communicate about mathematics both orally and in writing; and promote students’ abilities to reason, justify, and generalize. Basic Computational Skills along with basic Properties, will become mastered. There is no EOC (end of course exam).

**Course Materials:**

* Student provides a section in their Binder
* Mechanical pencil or two sharpened pencils every day
* Optional: Colored ballpoint/gel pens and/or highlighters
* Envision Workbook provided (optional activities)

**Online Resources:**

* Grades will be accessed on CANVAS (and also synched with portal.pcsb.org)
* Quizzes/Assessments will utilize CANVAS
* Announcements, Assignments, Modules, and other links will be found on Clever/**Canvas**
* Live Lessons will utilize **Teams** video chat, (link through Clever/Canvas)
* EXTRA OPTIONAL PRACTICE : Kahn Academy (accessed through CLEVER)

**Participation / Expected Behavior in Class:**

Success requires active participation. Therefore, you will be required to take an active role in your learning, and you will be expected to do this with an appropriate level of maturity. This class will involve numerous activities and styles of learning, and your success will depend upon cooperation, preparation, and participation. This participation will be included as a part of your overall course grade. If you are unable to participate FOR WHATEVER REASON that day, please let me know – either beforehand or at that moment. I promise to take into consideration whatever is happening with you and see if there is ANYTHING that I can do to help. Remember, a grade of zero for participation (if absent) is very hard to recover from.

**Assessments:**

For all tests/quizzes given, you must **show your work** where appropriate in order to receive full credit. In the event that you get an incorrect answer, partial credit may be given for having the correct setup. In many cases, your notes will be allowed – so keep those worksheets handy.

**Absences:**

When you are absent from class, it will be **your** responsibility to obtain and complete missed assignments – and it obviously affects your participation grade. You can excuse up to three absences in a grading period – that would normally have a zero. Your parent calls the school in order to receive this “excused” absence. Cases of extended illness may be handled on an individual basis (documentation from a doctor will be required).

**To Make Up an Absence:**

* Look on CLEVER/CANVAS to see that week’s module of assignments – to see what you missed.
* Copy the notes from a classmate.
* Make sure your parent calls front office to get the absence “excused” (I allow up to three of the zero- marked participation grades to be erased as long as they are “excused.”

**Academic Integrity:**

Academic integrity is expected. Airdropping (the sharing of answers via iPhones) IS considered CHEATING. If a student violates any provision of Pinellas County School’s Code of Student Conduct policy on specific acts of misconduct, a grade of zero will be recorded for each violation. No makeups will be allowed, if there is any type of integrity issues.

**Student Responsibilities:**

Electronic devices should be put away during lesson presentation unless otherwise instructed. Cell phones may NOT be used as calculators. A calculator can be provided for you. An in-depth cell phone policy will be developed during your class time with you as a stakeholder during the first week of school.

Food and drinks should **not** be consumed during class time **on a regular basis**. (Exception: water).

Hall passes will not be given during the beginning 10 minutes of class or during the final 10 minutes of class (this is a school policy). Students will be expected to take care of business within 5 minutes when using the bathroom. Parents will be notified if students take longer than 5 minutes or if they are continuously using the bathroom.

**Grading:**

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| Category | Brief Description | Percentage |
| Class Assignments | This involves Participation during class notes and notebook assignments completed. Keep these sheets in a binder for open-note quizzes! | 60% |
| Assessments | This grade consists of assessments taken throughout the course. NOTES from class can be used during most quizzes! | 40% |

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_\_Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please sign below acknowledging that you have read and understand the expectations listed above.

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Parent Contact number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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