

Course Syllabus
Fundamental Algebra 1 A/B
2018 - 2019

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Overview:

Algebra I A/B strives to promote a vision of mathematics as a human endeavor. The Agile Mind program fosters 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; promote students' abilities to reason, justify, and generalize; and advance students' positive work habits and learning dispositions.

Course Materials:

- o Spiral Notebook that can be kept in your binder
- o Lined college ruled paper
- o Mechanical pencil or two sharpened pencils every day
- o A colored pencil for highlighting text.
- o **PENCILS FOR WORK(NO PENS!)**

Online Resources:

- o Classroom presentations and makeup work will be available on **pinellas.agilemind.com**.
- o Grades will be available on **focus.pcsb.org**.
- o Lesson plans will be available on **bocaciega.org**.
- o Extra credit is on **khanacademy.org**.

Participation in Class:

Success requires active participation. Therefore you will be required to take an active role in your learning, and you will have ample opportunity to do so. This class will involve numerous activities and styles of learning, and your success will depend upon cooperation, preparation, and participation. Participation will be included as a part of your overall course grade.

Mid Unit and End of Unit 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.

Homework Assignments:

Homework will be assigned regularly. Since homework is a practicing tool it will not usually be collected. However a consequence of not doing homework may be poor performance on homework quizzes. Homework quizzes are to assess your understanding and it should encourage students to come to after school tutoring as needed.

Absences:

When you are absent from class, it will be **your** responsibility to obtain and complete missed assignments. **I will not be able to provide your missed assignments during class time.** You will be allowed the same number of days to make up any missed assignments as the number of days you were absent (e.g. If you missed one day, you have one day to submit missed work.) If you miss a test or quiz due to an illness or school-sanctioned athletic/extracurricular activity you will take a makeup assessment in class when you come back. 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 focus to see what topic and section you missed.
- > Go on to pinellas.agilemind.com.
- > Click on the "My Agile Mind" tab.
- > Make sure that you fill out the notes on your workbook and that you complete the journal entry.
- > Find the topic that you missed and finish the assignment before the window of completion closes.
- > Come see me to show me your completed section during lunch or after school.
- > What you get on this online assignment will be what will replace your ABS (0) grade.

*You will be given up to a week after we finish a topic to complete the makeup assignment. It may be helpful to wait to complete the makeup assignment after the topic has been completed.

Academic Integrity:

Academic integrity is expected. In the event that 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 are to be put away at **ALL TIMES** during class unless otherwise instructed. No exceptions. Cell phones may NOT be used as calculators. A calculator will be provided for you.

Food and drinks are not allowed in the classroom at any time (with the exception of bottled 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:

Category	Brief Description	Points
Homework/Classwork	This includes having your homework completed, opener, core activity, homework processing, consolidation, and having your Binder and Agenda.	50%
Assessments	This includes quizzes, guided assessments, more practice, mid-unit assessments, and end-of-unit assessments.	40%
Binder, with Journal work	This includes having your binder divided into sections, with tabs that are labeled, lesson summaries, and foldables.	10%
Quarter Grade	Your grade for the Quarter!	100%

To Earn Extra Credit: We aren't all great test takers, so I offer students the opportunity to earn extra credit by practicing skills at their own pace on Khan Academy. Khan Academy is an awesome site that will assess your needs and provides immediate remediation and feedback. It is a great tutoring tool for not only Mathematics, but many other subjects as well.

- > Simply log in using the username and password I have created for you.
- > Begin the Algebra 1 Mission.
- > Each mastered skill is worth 4 points.
- > You may earn up to 10% of your grade back!

---- **Please cut here and return this sheet and keep the syllabus for your records in your binder.** -----

Student Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Please sign below acknowledging that you have read and understand the expectations listed in Mr. MacDonald's syllabus.

Student signature _____ Email address _____

Parent signature _____ Email address _____

Contact number _____

Questions, Concerns, or Important Information you want me to know as your child's teacher:
