



Foundations in Algebra
2020-21
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Office Hours Face to face: Mondays from 2:50-3:30 (Additional days offered as needed) Virtual: Mondays & Thursdays 10am-12:00pm and 1:30-3:30pm Fridays (live through Google Meet) 10:30 - 11:45am

Course Description:

This algebra course is the backbone of high school mathematics. Foundational algebra builds on the knowledge and skills that have been mastered in earlier grades like algebraic thinking, probability, data analysis, and proportional reasoning. It is a foundational year of algebra that is important for success in upcoming mathematic classes. My goal is to **make math make sense!** We will be working together to see how algebra is relevant and useful in today's world.

Classroom Materials

- 2-3 Compositions notebooks
- Folder
- Glue sticks
- Pencils/erasers
- Colored pencils
- Graph paper
- Ruler
- Calculator (TI 83 or 84)

Grading Policies:

The grading scale in South Carolina is as follows:

A: 90-100

B: 80-89

C: 70-79

D: 60-69

F: 59 and below

GTCHS is a mastery learning school and opportunities will be given to improve grades. If students receive less than a 75% on a test, they may improve their grade by attending office hours and/or completing a remediation assignment. AFTER that, students may take a retest and/or complete test corrections. Failure to complete the additional tutoring or assignment and/or show up on the designated Monday to retest or complete test corrections will result in the original grade becoming permanent. Students may earn a maximum grade of 75% on a retest. Other opportunities for improvement will be given at the teacher's discretion. Any student with a class grade less than 75% is required to come for tutoring during office hours on Mondays from 2:50-3:30. Individual or small group help will be given during office hours.

Grading will be broken down as follows:

Tests/Projects: 40%

Quizzes: 25%

Homework: 20%

Classwork: 15%

Dates for tests and projects are given approximately one week in advance. Quizzes are assigned one to two days ahead of time. **When completing homework, the entire assignment must be complete and the student's work must be shown to receive credit.** If the homework is partially done or if the work is not shown, the grade will be recorded as a zero. The exam at the end of the semester will be 10% of the class average.

Completing work on time is important to the success of the student. **Late homework is not accepted.** The student's homework grade is a zero if it is not turned in on time. If a student is absent, you have five school days (not class meetings) after you return to school to make up missed work. Make-up work will not be accepted after this time. It is the student's responsibility to see Mrs. Hall when absent to receive any missing work.

During virtual learning, it is imperative that assessments are completed on time. If a student misses a test or quiz, a parent must follow up via email with a legitimate excuse before the student can make up the assessment. If no parent email is received, the

grade will remain a zero. Without a parent email, the student may follow the mastery learning policy above to make up the test and achieve a grade no higher than 75%. If there is a legitimate excuse from the parent, the student will need to contact Mrs. Hall and set up a time to take the test.

Gum, Food, or Drinks in Class:

Gum is prohibited in class. Food is not allowed unless approved by Mrs. Hall. Students may have water or other school appropriate drinks as long as they have a lid.

Cell Phone/Electronic Policy:

Cell phones and other electronic devices are to be put away (not in sight!) and either silenced or powered off during class time unless given permission by the teacher. If a cell phone is out during class, it may be collected and given to Mrs. Beaver to be picked up by the parent.

Classroom Rules:

1. Be respectful.

It is expected that all students are respectful both to each other and the teacher. Disrespect includes interrupting during instruction, bullying in any form, and talking back/arguing with the teacher. This disrupts the learning environment of the classroom and will not be tolerated in any way. Being respectful also includes how we treat the environment where we are learning. Vandalizing desks or other student's property is not allowed.

2. Be prepared.

Being prepared for class means all materials should be present in class (including homework) and ready to be used. It is also expected that you are on time to class each day and in your seat before the bell rings. The bathroom should be used between classes. If a student is tardy to class, they may not enter class without a pass.

3. Be engaged.

We will be working from bell-to-bell during class. It is expected that you are an active participant. Refusing to work or sleeping during class is not an option. If you are caught sleeping in class, you will be asked to stand for the remainder of class time in order to stay awake.

4. Be honest.

I expect my students to be honest with me personally as a teacher as well as on your assignments. Copying homework is cheating. (It is okay to ask for help from a teacher, student, or parent but NOT okay to copy someone else's work.) All assignments turned in must be the student's own work. If a student is caught

cheating, the grade will result in a zero or another appropriate punishment. It is also considered cheating if you give your homework to someone else to copy. The following consequences are used when a student fails to follow the rules listed above:

- Verbal warning
- After class conference
- Parent contact or conference
- Detention
- Referral (any severe problems will result in an immediate referral)

I am excited about having you in my class and all of us having a great year of learning! Attitude is everything and if you keep a positive attitude and work hard this year, it will make a huge difference.

This syllabus will be posted on my school website. Please feel free to visit my website or email me with any questions you may have.

Contact Info:

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I will be using the Remind App this year to send out announcements and reminders. To sign up, enter 81010 and text this message: @b62448c

Please sign below in the appropriate spaces and return to Mrs. Hall.

My student and I have read through the **Foundations in Algebra** syllabus. I will email Mrs. Hall about any questions.

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____