

Algebra 2 CP AB Syllabus

2019-2020

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Office Hours: Mondays from 2:50-3:30

(Please come if you need extra help or want to say “Hi”!)

Course Description: This course builds on Algebra 1 principles and their applications and prepares students for pre-calculus as well as real world problem solving. My job is to teach; yours is to learn. My goal is to make this course relevant, interactive and fun. Yes, math can be fun!

Classroom Materials Needed:

- Lined Paper (loose leaf notebook in a binder or spiral notebooks)
- Pencils or erasable pens (Frixion pens work great.)
- Graph paper
- Colored pencils
- Ruler
- Calculator (TI 83 or 84)*
- Folder

*Some calculators will be available for classroom use. Students will need a calculator to use at home.

Classroom Expectations:

❖ Be **Respectful**. **It's the right thing to do.**

→ Be respectful to ALL no matter where you are! You want people to respect you, so respect them.

❖ Be **Prepared**. **It's the right thing to do.**

→ Come to class ready to learn. Homework and all your supplies need to be out and ready to use at the beginning of class.

→ Sharpen pencils, get water, use the restroom before class starts.

❖ Be **Engaged**. **It's the right thing to do.**

- Come to class on time and ready to learn from bell to bell. Distractions will not be tolerated nor will sleeping in class.
- If a student is consistently sleeping in class, he/she will need to stand for the rest of the class or wake up and get busy.
- You are here to learn; have a good attitude about it. Smile. :)

❖ Be **honest**. **It's the right thing to do.**

- Copying homework is cheating. This includes copying answers and solutions from the internet. It is ok to ask for help from a peer, teacher or parent but not copy another's work.
- If a student is cheating on homework or any assessment (Quiz, Test, Project), student will receive a zero for that assignment or that assessment or another appropriate consequence will be given. This is a "severe" problem. See Consequences below.

Late to class? Bring a pass.

Cell phones or other electronic devices are not permitted unless the teacher allows it. Cell phones must be out of sight as well as silenced or powered off during class. If a phone is out during class, it will be collected and possibly given to Mrs. Cash.

Food is not allowed in class unless permission is given. **Drinks** are allowed as long as they are in a closed container. Teacher has the right to remove this privilege if it is abused or causes a distraction.

Consequences: If any of the above expectations are not met, here is the procedure (one or all may be necessary but hopefully not):

1. Verbal warning
2. After class conference
3. Parent contact
4. Parent conference
5. Referral (any severe problems will result in immediate referral.)

Grading:

Tests/Projects: 35%

Quizzes: 25%

Homework (Graded for Completion): 10%

ALEKS: 15%

Spiral Review (Graded for accuracy.): 15%

(Note: Midterm and Final Exams are 10% of the respective semester average.)

Dates for Tests and Projects will be given approximately one week in advance. Dates for Quizzes will be given approximately one to two days ahead of time except for pop quizzes which may be given at any time.

Mastery learning:

Because GTCHS is a mastery learning school, students must earn a minimum of 80% to pass. The grading scale in SC is A: 90-100, B: 80-89, C: 70-79, D: 60-69, F: 50-59.

Students will have the opportunity to retake any Test with a grade below an 80%. All retakes will be done after school on a designated Monday. If you do not show up on the designated Monday to retake the test, it will result in the original grade becoming permanent. Retakes can earn a maximum grade of 80% and only one retake per test is allowed.

Students are encouraged to ask questions in class or during office hours to gain a clearer understanding and master the skills.

Homework:

- **Homework will be assigned daily.** Homework completion is important to the success of the student to offer the opportunity to practice skills learned in class. All problems must be attempted to receive full credit. Half credit will be given for incomplete assignments (at least half of the problems must be complete.)
- **Work must be shown** to receive credit.
- **Late Homework will not be accepted.** If homework is not handed in on time, the grade is zero for that day.
- **In the event of absence**, missed assignments must be turned in no later than 5 school days (not class days.) It is the student's responsibility to come to me to get any missing work.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. I'm looking forward to a successful year!

This syllabus may be revised at any time. Updated version will be on my website. Revised 8/11/19

Please sign and return this form to Ms. Schoolmeesters by August 15, 2019. This will be a homework grade.

I have read and agree to follow the syllabus and to have a good attitude about Algebra 2.

Student Print Name _____ Period: _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____