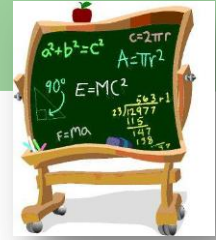


Mrs. Dropiewski

Pre-Algebra Course Syllabus

2014-2015



Content

This course reinforces mathematical skills taught in the earlier grades with additional advanced computation including an emphasis on Algebraic concepts. Students study fractions, decimals, percents, positive and negative integers and rational numbers. They become more proficient in using ratios, proportions and solving algebraic equations. Students will develop and expand problem solving skills (creatively and analytically) in order to solve word problems.

Welcome
I am excited about the opportunity to work with you this year. This class is designed to help you prepare for future math classes. Please feel free to share with me your questions and concerns.

Grades

- **GRADE SCALE:** The following grade scale will be used to determine all grades in this course. Card marking grades will NOT be rounded

Grade	Percent
• A+	100-99
• A	98-93
• A -	92-90
• B +	89-88
• B	87-83
• B -	82-80
• C+	79-78
• C	77-73
• C-	72-70
• D+	69-68
• D	67-63
• D-	62-60
• E	59- 0

MARKING PERIOD GRADES: Each Marking Period will be comprised of in class work, Homework, projects, and Tests/Quizzes.

Tests/Quizzes (65%) - There may be a few short quizzes every Friday . Each Unit will culminate with a test .

Other (35%) Included but not limited to the examples below:

In Class work and Checks- Daily work will be dealt with in a variety of ways. Typically, problems will be assigned and you will be expected to complete the assignment. Sometimes in class work will be collected for grading or it will be spot-checked for completion. In class work will be assigned (almost) daily.

Homework will be assigned occasionally and you will be expected to complete the entire assignment.

Projects - These will vary and you will be expected to use your time in class appropriately.

SEMESTER GRADES: Your semester grade is the grade that will appear on your high school transcripts. It is composed of three parts: 1st Marking Period, 2nd Marking period, and the Semester Exam. Each semester is graded separately thus you will receive an overall grade for 1st semester and an overall grade for 2nd semester.

Semester grade calculation:
1st marking period = 40%
2nd marking period = 40%
EXAM = 20%

Class Materials

**Pencil and Pen
Paper**

A few more important details

What you can expect:

- We will use the entire hour to work in class.
 - This will help to minimize the amount of homework.
 - There will be in class assignments.
- You will be given a three binder that will stay in the classroom. It is your responsibility to keep all handouts and work organized in your binder.

**CLASSROOM
RULES:
TBD**

Absences

If you are absent, then you will have 2 days to make up work that was assigned on that day. Arrangements will be made for extended absences. If you miss the day of a test or a quiz, then you will have to take the test or quiz the day you return. If you are absent the day before a test, then you will still be required to take the test when you return. Also, any work that was due the day you missed will be due the day you return. You must show me your assignment, otherwise it will be considered late.



Need Help?

INDIVIDUAL HELP:

If you are having problems completing the work, you should get help right away. Help is available from me by appointment. I will try to accommodate your schedule. All students are expected to use their time in class appropriately, you will be given time in class to work on assignments and ask for help.

Tardiness: No student has the right to interrupt the learning of others, being tardy is an interruption. We will follow the ROHS tardy policy.

All school polices will be followed. These include, but are not limited to, (1) No hats may be worn. (2) All cell phones must be off and out of sight unless directed by your teacher for instructional purposes. If you have an emergency, then I will write you a pass to the office. (3) All personal music devices must be off and out of sight. (4) No food or drink allowed in the classroom (5) Dress code

Failure to comply with these rules will result in confiscation of the item. The items will be turned in to the main office.

Hall Passes

It is important for students to remain in the classroom during the entire class hour.

Students will be allowed a limited number of hall passes to be used only for health reasons or personal emergencies. With teacher permission, students may use the sign-out sheet to sign out the hall pass.

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