

ALGEBRA 1 PART 2 CLASS POLICIES

2011 – 2012

Mr. Simpson

This course will cover Algebra I concepts including variables, real numbers, first and second degree equations, inequalities, factoring, polynomials, radicals and graphing.

ASSIGNMENTS:

- You will have a book checked out that you will keep at home (a classroom book will be provided) , a scientific **calculator** (not graphing or cell phone), loose-leaf **paper**, and a **writing utensil**.
- Assignments must be on loose-leaf paper.
- **Work must be shown** as it is in your notes or text examples.
- **Drawings** of shapes in problems **are required**.
- Assignments cover one lesson. Two days of class are dedicated to teach and answer questions therefore are due not later than the second class day after the day it is assigned. Ex. Lesson 40 taught on Monday with questions on the problem set on Tuesday therefore due on Wednesday. A new lesson will be taught on Wednesday.

ATTENDANCE: IMPERATIVE!!!

- **MAKEUP WORK for Unexpected Absence:** Your responsibility!
 - Homework: Assigned before absence = Due the day you return
Multiple days missed = Number of days absent +1 day
 - Tests/Quizzes: Take within a week – **YOU SCHEDULE** with MR. Simpson!
 - Pre-arranged abs: Make arrangements with teacher **prior** to absence.
 - Unexcused Abs:
 - **NO CREDIT, HOWEVER** you are responsible for learning the material covered
- **TARDIES:**
 - You are tardy if you are not in your seat and prepared for class when the bell rings. The PHS tardy policy will be enforced. Every minute of class time is important for us to achieve our goals of successfully completing the second half of Algebra 1. **SEE NOTE BELOW ON IMPORTANCE OF COMPLETING ALGEBRA 1!**

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:

- Be **attentive and courteous** to each other as well as to the teacher.
- Do not disrupt the learning of others, anyone entering or leaving the class after the bell rings causes a disruption.
- Follow PHS dress code policy.
- If caught cheating, the work will be worth zero points and further disciplinary action will be taken.
- Students will not be allowed out of class on a pass during the first or last 10 minutes of class.
- Students are expected to request permission to use the teacher provided hall pass.
- Students are expected to remain in class until the passing bell and will be dismissed by the teacher.
- Students are expected to present to the teacher an Admit Slip for an unverified absence the next day the student is in class. Unverified absences become unexcused absences after 48 hours.
- Food and drink (except water) will not be allowed in the classroom. Passes are not issued to visit vending machines during class time.
- Electronic devices are not to be used in class without specific permission from the teacher. Cell phones, music/video and game devices are not to be used in the classroom at any time. Cell phones must be turned **off**, not silent mode, and are **not to be used during class**.
 - **Not following Behavior Expectations will result in classroom consequences and/or an office referral. These expectations have proven to improve success in this class. SEE NOTE BELOW ON IMPORTANCE OF COMPLETING ALGEBRA 1!**

SUPPLIES:

- Scientific calculator (graphing calculator is not required)
- 3-ring binder
- Loose-leaf paper
- Graph paper
- Pencils with erasers

GRADES:

- Homework must be turned in on time. Each question will be worth 1 point. Credit will only be awarded for problems with complete work. If a student does not understand a problem, they may copy a similar example problem from the appropriate lesson as noted by the problem.
- A quiz or a test will be given each week. Quizzes will be worth 50 points each and tests will be worth 100 points each. Occasionally partner quizzes will be given to encourage cooperative learning. Notes and the text will be allowed during these opportunities.
- Occasional "bonus points" will be awarded to students who exhibit the expectations as defined by this policy statement. An example is: your student will receive a free homework for returning the signature portion of this policy statement. Consistently participating in class discussions and taking advantage of time allowed to complete homework during the last 30 minutes of class time, being in class on time with **ALL** required materials ready to start when the bell rings are other examples of responsibility points that provide opportunities for points.

QUARTER GRADES

Tests/Quizzes	60%
Assignments	20%
Check Points	20%

SEMESTER GRADES

Quarter Grades	85%
Final Exam	15%

GRADE SCALE

90% - 100%	A
80% - 89%	B
70% - 79%	C
60% - 69%	D
Below 60%	F

As your teacher, I want you to succeed in learning math. That success will be based on YOU: your effort, your willingness to get help when needed, your completion of all homework assignments, and your desire to improve. Help is available before school, some days after school and during advisement.

TEACHER CONTACT INFORMATION:

	EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	PLANNING
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			W 1:15-2:45

Please sign and return the portion below.

IMPORTANCE OF COMPLETING ALGEBRA 1: Universities and Colleges have increased the minimum math requirements for admission. Most now require three or four years of math with full completion of Algebra 1 being the lowest credit counted and completion of Algebra 2 and Geometry. Your student is behind schedule to complete this requirement. The math department at Ponderosa makes every effort to make available the opportunity for your student to still meet this requirement; HOWEVER success of this course is a critical part of this opportunity.

We, the undersigned, have read and discussed the course policies for Algebra 1 Part 2.

Student: _____ Parent: _____

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