

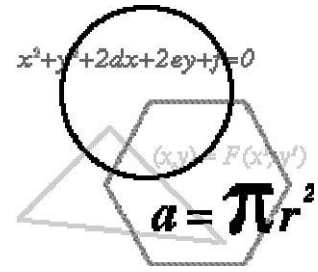
Algebra II Classroom Policies

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1. Algebra II – The Course

Congratulations on selecting a course that will further your knowledge in mathematics, and enable you to better prepare for college and the future. In this class, we will continue studying algebra and add in many geometry concepts. The textbook is Saxon, and follows directly from your Algebra I class last year. We have also supplemented this text with concepts you will see on the CSAP, ACT, and SAT tests. The assignments for these lessons will be on a handout that is available on the web site.

2. Assignments

It is also very important that you practice math skills daily. You must take full responsibility for your own learning. Not only must you do your assignment each day, but you must do each assignment correctly. The problem sets in the Saxon textbook are designed for you to continually practice problems from the beginning to the end. People who work each and every problem will have more success on tests and future classes. To become better problem solvers, we will be looking at the process as well as the final answer. Therefore, showing your steps is imperative. You can expect 4 assignments per week. Each assignment will be due the next class day. You will earn 10 points for each assignment that has all problems completed and demonstrates the following criteria;

A] Assignment is labeled with name, problem set, numbers, and the date.

B] Copy original problem and show all work. Your work must support your Answer. Answers only will not be acceptable.

C] All graphs shall be done on graph paper and attached to the homework page.

3. Tests

Tests will be given approximately every six lessons. There will be individual tests and partner tests. Also, tests will consist of 5, 10 or 20 questions. The types of questions can consist of multiple choice, free response, calculator, and non-calculator problems. Showing work will be required on every type of problem. The 20 questions tests will be worth 100 points, and the 10 questions tests will be worth 50 points. 5 Question test will be worth 25 points. There will also be practice tests available on the web site.

4. Grades

<u>Quarter:</u>	80% Tests and Quizzes	<u>Semester:</u>	15% Semester Final
	20% Assignments		85% Semester Average
			(Combination of the two quarters)

Quarter and Semester Grading Scale:

A =	90.00% - 100%
B =	80.00% - 89.99%
C =	70.00% - 79.99%
D =	60.00% - 69.99%
F =	0.00% - 59.99%

5. Supplies, Preparation, Late Work and Attendance:

You are required to bring your textbook, paper, pencil, calculator, and a 3 ring binder with dividers to class everyday. Your **attendance** each day is also important. We will be covering a new lesson each class day, with a test approximately every 6 lessons. It is your responsibility to do the make up work if you are absent. **Prearranged absences** are due before the absence. The **daily assignments** will be posted in the classroom and on the web. **Excused absences** will be allowed the length of the absence plus one day to do make up the work. **Unexcused absences** will receive no credit for all work done that day, although you are still responsible for the material that was covered. You will be required to make arrangements to make up any missed quiz or test. **Tardiness** will affect your grade; participation is an important component of the class. **School passes** will be required to leave the room at any time. No late work will be accepted except for excused absences.

6. Extra Help

Help is available and encouraged. The best way to receive help is to ask and arrange a time to meet. Ask questions whenever necessary. Come in during advisement, before school, or during the after school lab for help.

7. Textbooks

Your textbook is the property of Ponderosa High School. A book cover is required at all times. You will be charged for any damages and loss during the time it is assigned to you. The replacement cost for these books is currently \$60!

8. Behavior

We expect that you act like young adults and treat each other with respect and dignity. Each student has a right to be in the classroom and to learn. Do not violate that right. Be on time to class, tardiness will not be tolerated. Cell phones, IPODs, or PDAs are not allowed in the classroom, nor are games on your calculators.

PHS Effective school expectations:

- 1] Students are expected to remain in their seats until the teacher dismisses the class.
- 2] No passes will be used to leave class during the first and last 10 minutes of class.
- 3] Students are expected to present an Admit Slip for an unverified absence is required upon your return.
- 4] The PHS tardy and dress code policy will be enforced.
- 5] Food and drink (except water) will not be allowed in the classroom.
- 6] District/Ponderosa expectations are required at all times.

9. Cheating

It saddens us to have to address this issue, but it seems to be becoming more of a problem each year. Cheating will absolutely not be tolerated. Copying solutions from the solution manual is not acceptable. It should be used as a tool to help with math problems. Any copying of tests, quizzes, or homework will result in zero credit for all parties involved. Also, as per your student handbook, there will be referrals and parent contact. We would expect that students such as yourselves have high moral standards and goals, and that your honor is very important!

10. Calculators

Calculators will be used regularly on both assignments and tests in this course. Because classroom instruction and demonstrations will be performed using a TI-83 (which will be similar to the TI-83 Plus, TI-83 silver edition, and the TI-84) graphing calculators, we strongly encourage you to acquire one of these models and types. **(No TI-86's, TI-89's or similar models will be used for class work or during tests).** This is because they are not allowed on a majority of the standardized test.

11. Success is Yours!

- a. Use your planner on a daily basis and get organized.
- b. Be polite and courteous at all times.
- c. Be attentive when someone else is speaking.
- d. Dress and act appropriately at all times.
- e. Enjoy food and drink before arriving to class.
- f. Be prompt and prepared at all times.
- g. Attendance is critical. If you are absent, you **will miss something**.
- h. Expect to be busy the entire class period.
- i. Grades are important, but nothing surpasses understanding and true knowledge. Success comes with hard work.
- j. Mathematics is the key to your future in more ways than you will know at this time. You are learning how to learn and problem solve in logical steps.
- k. The ability to critically think is the most important thing you will learn this year. Thinking skills transcend all of algebra and mathematics.
- l. Ask for help!
- m. Get the most out of your education.

12. How to Contact us

Email: firstname.lastname@dcsdk12.org

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Our web site: www.phsmath.org

****This web site provides you with a weekly schedule and the ability to download all supplemental lessons, problem sets for supplemental lessons, and practice tests. ****

I have read and I understand the class policies, I am aware of the Parent Portal to acquire information about attendance and academic progress in this course.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Parent Contact Number _____

Parent E-mail _____