

## ALGEBRA 1 2013-2014

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**Course Goals:** This class is designed to help you prepare for Geometry and Algebra 2.

- ❖ We will explore patterns in various situations.
- ❖ We will investigate basic number operations.
- ❖ We will explore data and graphs as well as proportion and probability.
- ❖ We will work with different number systems including integers and rational numbers.
- ❖ We will explore how algebra is applied in the world outside of school.

<p><b><u>Classroom Expectations:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Be Respectful<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Listen when others talk</li><li>➤ Use appropriate language</li><li>➤ Keep inappropriate technology put away</li></ul></li><li>❖ Be Responsible<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Complete class work with your best effort</li><li>➤ Turn in assignments on time</li><li>➤ Accept responsibility for your choices</li></ul></li><li>❖ Be Resourceful<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Utilize all possible resources</li><li>➤ Ask questions</li><li>➤ Find your own answers</li></ul></li></ul>	<p><b><u>Grading:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Proficiencies 80%</li><li>➤ Graded Practice/Quizzes 20%</li></ul> <p><b><u>Proficiency Assessment (Retakes Allowed):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commonly called Chapter Tests/Exams</li><li>• Target/Standard specific</li><li>• Homework completion <b>required</b> to retake</li></ul> <p><b><u>Quizzes:</u></b> Used to assess progress throughout the chapter and are not eligible for retakes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Randomly picked &amp; graded homework questions or journal entries</li><li>• Quizzes</li><li>• <b>Homework completion</b> will be reported separately in the grade book as “Not for a Grade” or NG</li></ul>
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### **Proficiency Assessment:**

**80% of grades in this class are based on assessments only.** Assessments are by proficiency so if your student receives a score they are not happy with on a learning target they are welcome to retake that target provided they have completed the assignment/s prior to the assessment. Each learning target is assessed and scored on the 5 point scale below. **No extra credit will be assigned.**

<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Exemplary</b>	<b>Proficient</b>	<b>Nearly Proficient</b>	<b>Emerging</b>	<b>Beginning</b>

Students may retake up to 100% of targets during semester 1 and up to 50% of targets during semester 2. This change is because we are working to transition students to advanced math classes where retakes are no longer an option.

### **Retake Policy:**

50% of homework assignments must be completed before the day of the proficiency to be **eligible** for a retake opportunity. In order to ensure improvement, students must complete selected practice problems tailored to learning targets. Once the practice problems have been accurately completed a student has **earned** a retake opportunity.

### **Homework:**

Homework will be given daily and marked in the grade book based on completion.

### **Quizzes:**

- Stick quizzes are given daily for students to see how they are progressing towards proficiency. These will be collected randomly and graded. These may not be retaken.
- Homework quizzes consist of a random problem being collected and grade for accuracy.
- Journal quizzes consist of being able to find any journal entry at any given point in the year and will report the information back to me in a limited time frame.

### **Integrity Policy:**

All work submitted should be by the student. Plagiarism will absolutely not be tolerated in any form including copying another student's homework. Remember that collaboration is different from copying! The consequence for cheating or copying another student's work is that you have to do the assessment honestly and the principal will assign an appropriate behavioral consequence.

### **Arranged Absences:**

If you are unable to attend class and know ahead of time, please check in with me. If you arrive late to class, please take your seat and try to avoid disrupting class. I will get you up to speed as soon as possible. Notes and assignments are posted at <http://mahonymath.weebly.com/> for your convenience.

**You will be held responsible for material taught in class regardless of your attendance.** Make sure to act responsibly when absent from class for any reason!

### **Posted Grades:**

Your grade as calculated by the computer will be posted regularly online. Should you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to ask me. **It is important that you regularly check your grade for accuracy and questions or concerns PRIOR to the end of the semester.** Retakes will have a note with them so you can tell the difference between old/new scores.

### **Grading for This Class:**

A	90%-100%
B	80%-89.99%
C	70%-79.99%
F	69.99% or below

### **Grade Intervention Plan:**

If you or your parent(s) are unhappy with the grade you have achieved at any time during the term, please feel free to contact me. I am happy to sit down with you to develop a plan for how you can raise your grade through proof of proficiency. Please do not wait until the end of the semester if there is a concern regarding your grades. Often times waiting until the end means waiting too long when nothing can be done. Let's work together to make sure you are successful!

**If student needs additional math help, after school tutoring will be available with the activity bus available as a ride home.**

### **Needed Supplies:**

Students will need their own white board pens, two spiral notebooks (per semester), highlighters, pencils, and a scientific calculator. Please make sure your student has these supplies by the end of the second week of class.

**Basic Summary (PLEASE READ!!!):**

1. Class work and homework are assigned daily and reported online.
2. Grades are posted regularly online. Please check often and communicate with questions!
3. 80 % of grading is based on assessments. These can be retaken if homework was completed prior to assessment date.
4. Homework is for practice. The assignments will be reported as done or missing online, and will not be worth a grade.
5. 20% of grading is based on quizzes. These can be on a specific homework problem assigned, a stick quiz, a random exit problem, or a particular entry in our journals to assure students are keeping up and to show how they are progressing toward our assessment.
6. There will be **no opportunities for extra credit.**
7. Students may retake up to 100% of targets during semester 1 and up to 50% of targets during semester 2.
8. Students need class supplies by the end of the second week.

**Please complete the following information:**

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<i>Student Name/Class Period</i>	Student Signature
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Parent/Guardian Name	Parent/Guardian Signature

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Way/Time to Contact You: \_\_\_\_\_