

Honors Algebra 2

Course Expectations and Policies

This course is designed to prepare you not only for further mathematics courses, but also for success in higher education. Thus, you will be expected to take responsibility for your own learning. This means, that I expect you to complete homework assignments regularly, to be an active participant and listener in the class, to work cooperatively with your peers as well as with me, and to come to class organized, prepared, and ready to learn. In addition, I expect you to realize when you need extra help and/or practice.

Your success in this course will require hard work and self-discipline, a responsible and positive attitude, as well as consistent class attendance. I am looking forward to working with and getting to know you. Together, I am confident that we will have an enjoyable and successful year in Honors Algebra 2.

Grading Policy

Grades are based on total points from homework checks, quizzes, tests, projects and any other special assignments given during the semester. Percentages are calculated based on the total number of points possible. Semester exams will account for 10% of the semester grade.

Homework Policy

Homework is a vehicle for you to practice and master the material. You should complete all problems in a given assignment in order to self-assess whether or not you have mastered the material. Answer keys, with answers only, are available on Canvas. I expect you to check your answers AS YOU ARE WORKING. All corrections and notes to self should be in PEN.

- Homework is assigned on a daily basis and will account for approximately 10% of the corresponding assessment's point value.
- Homework may be completed on paper or ipad. All homework is to be submitted electronically. If using paper, please submit all pages of the assignment as ONE pdf file.
- Your first attempt on an assignment is due by 11:59 pm on the day it was assigned, with the exception of weekends. First attempts are NOT graded. Please do not spend more than 1 undistracted hour at home on your first attempt of an assignment. Submit what you have completed at the end of an hour.
- **All completed and corrected homework assignments are due the day of the corresponding assessment!!!!**
 - Full credit for assignments will be earned if the homework meets the following criteria:
 - Homework header as discussed in class
 - All work must be shown.
 - All problems should be checked and corrected with work in PEN!!
 - Your signature on the top of the first page in PEN, signifying all of the work is your own.
- All Assignments must be submitted before designated Due Date and time. Any assignment submitted late will NOT be accepted.
- **Homework checks** may be given to assess your understanding of the material at any given time. You may NOT use your homework on the homework check. These assessments may or may not be worth 2 - 5 points.
- If you determine that you do not understand the majority of the assignment, you should first use your textbook and the online help available to you (my.hrw.com, Canvas, etc.). Please see the online resources list on the next page for further information.
- If the online resources do not provide the clarification that you need, it is your responsibility to reach out to me or another math teacher in the resource center for additional help. **Do Not Delay!** The day-to-day topics build on one another.

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Resources: The Where and What...

Canvas:

- **Contents**
 - Course syllabus/expectations
 - PDF Algebra 2 Textbook
 - Calendar of assignments
 - Completed handouts/answer keys to class notes, practice, homework and review guides
 - Technology resources
 - Homework Help Discussion thread

Holt Online Website

- **Accessing Online Textbook:** <http://my.hrw.com>
- **Requires username:** uschs1 **and password:** panthers
- **Contents**
 - Full online version of the Algebra 2 book
 - **Detailed instructional videos**
 - Interactive quizzes
 - Practice worksheets

Resource Center

- Math teachers will be there, ready to help, throughout the day.
- Have a copy of the problem(s) and your class notes for the teacher to utilize

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- Class time when possible.
- After school Tuesday and Thursday 2:20-3:00
- Mornings 7:15-7:30 for quick questions

Attendance Policy

Excused absences from school due to tardiness, early dismissals, fieldtrips, sporting events or other school activities:

You must use the calendar of Canvas, textbook and online resources to complete work while absent. You should make arrangements with me or utilize other math teachers in the resource center PRIOR to the next class, if additional explanation is needed.

If you will miss a test or quiz, you must make arrangements with me to take the assessment early or at another time that same day

Excused absences from school due to illness or other personal reasons:

Every effort should be made to complete homework assignments from classes missed so that you are not behind when you return.

If you miss a test or quiz, you will take the assessment during free mods, after school or in class the next review day.

Unexcused absence from class:

Any student who cuts class will receive a ZERO for any work due in class that day (including tests, quizzes and homework).

Student Responsibilities

- You are responsible for bringing all required materials (textbook/internet device, notebook, pencil, calculator) to class. **A Scientific and Graphing Calculator** TI-84) will be utilized throughout the year. No one will be excused to go to their locker to get forgotten materials. *You are NOT permitted to borrow calculators from other students during a test or a quiz.*
- During class you are expected to participate during instruction as well as class discussions, and use extra time in class to work on assignments or seek clarification on previous assignments.
- You are expected to report to class on time (**before** the late bell rings). Students who are late to class **three** times will be issued a discipline report. If a teacher detains you, then you should request a note from that teacher.
- You are expected to conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times. Any student who exhibits inappropriate behavior or disrupts the educational opportunities of other students will be issued a discipline report and parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted.
- Your focus should be on the mathematics we are learning in class. As such, any distractions like work for other courses, books for pleasure, or the inappropriate use of technology (e.g. texting, tweeting, snapchatting, etc.) will not be tolerated. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be contacted and the material(s) will be confiscated at my discretion.
- You are expected to check MMS and Canvas on a regular basis for assignments and progress reports. You are responsible for correcting any missing work and/or errors in my grade book.

Cheating/Plagiarism

Cheating includes, but is not limited to, copying homework, **telling students in other classes about the problems or answers from a quiz or test**, *storing test answers or formulas in a graphing calculator*, copying from another student during class, or sharing calculators during an assessment. Cheating on homework, quizzes, tests, or other assignments is punishable under the school discipline code. Anyone caught cheating will receive a score of zero for that assignment, quiz, or test and/or a discipline report will be issued.

Final Thoughts

I am looking forward to a terrific year in Honors Algebra 2 with you! Please know I'm here to do everything I can to ensure your success. I have an open door policy; please do not hesitate to come and talk to me about any issues/concerns/questions you may have.

Let's have a great year!

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Note: You will be notified as soon as possible if changes occur to this syllabus.

A note to you, the parents/guardians...

Please take a moment to review the syllabus given to your student in class today so that you are aware of the classroom policies and expectations. Thank you for your time and support. I look forward to working with you and your student to make this school year a successful one!

Your signature indicates that you support the expectations of this course, especially the homework, attendance and cheating policy.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____