

Intermediate Algebra at WHHS: 2019-2020

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Materials Needed

Desmos online calculator
Graph paper & loose-leaf paper
Pencils, pens, highlighter
Text: Holt Algebra 2

Grades

Grades will be posted periodically online

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| Assignments | 35% |
| Projects & Tests | 40% |
| Team quizzes | 10% |
| Digital Portfolio | 15% |

Cut-offs for letter grades are as follows:

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| A | 90 % |
| B | 80% |
| C | 70 % |
| D | 60 % |
| F | 59.9-0% |

Conduct

*You'll earn an **O** if you are...
consistently on time to class, AND
a willing participant in classroom activities, AND
respectful of your classmates, the teacher, and
the overall learning environment
*Otherwise, you'll earn an **S** or a **U**, depending on
tardies, attitude, or other transgressions.

Support & Help

- Do not let confusion fester! Ask questions!
- Network! Many students are taking this class. Form a dependable study group.
- Be resourceful! Look for further explanations/demonstrations on the Internet.
- I'm available on most days before school or after 6th period
- Tutoring is available most days in the library after school.
- Always check your assignment calendar for a list of assignments. These are also online.

Absent?

- Copy class notes from a classmate; have him/her explain these to you.
- Make sure you get any handouts from the day you missed.
- Submit "absent" assignments in a timely manner (i.e. one or two days after you return)
- You'll take a missed test in class or after school on the day you return.

Assignment Policy

Assignments will be awarded on a 5 point grading scale:

- 5 points will be awarded for complete homework assignments turned in on time.
- 3 points for homework assignments that are missing 1 problem, or are not corrected in pen, or 1 day late (limit 2 per unit)
- 0 points will be awarded for homework assignments that are missing more than 3 problems.

WARNING

Intermediate Algebra may be a challenging math class for you. Asking questions is a sign of strength.

Electronics

Upon entering the classroom all electronics are to be silenced and stored in your backpacks or bags. Phones are NOT to be on the student's body or out on the desk during class time. To ensure that the focus is on learning and not interrupted, phones are to remain in backpacks or bags unless otherwise instructed. Repeated offenses will result in phones being taken away and may result in a behavior referral.

Include Others

Ever been excluded? It hurts, right? It does for me. Including others is a willful act. It takes guts to speak up and invite others to be a part of whatever you're doing. But it's also easy.

The best classes I've ever had were ones in which the atmosphere was one of inclusion. When we're together, class is awesome. When we share our thoughts in kind and meaningful ways, class is awesome. When class is a bunch of separate individuals, class is stale and often like the worst stereotype we see in the movies.

Time

This class is geared to have most assignments done in class. However, there may be projects that extend to outside class time. Staying on top of your work is key to your success.

Digital Portfolio

Instead of a semester final, you will be working on creating a digital portfolio. Each week you will be given time to work on your digital portfolio. It is important to take the portfolio project seriously, as it will account for 15% of your final grade. On the day of the final exam, we will be presenting our portfolios to the class.

Communication

If you want to get a hold of me, email me! I check email daily. Of course, my school phone number is fine too, but it's limiting.