

"Math is like a puzzle, at first you will not understand and appreciate. But as you indulge yourself into it, you will be able to see its beauty and wonders... And you will realize that everything about it is true and exact – for as long as you have a logical and critical mind!"



-Anonymous

September 2016

Parents (or Guardians) and Students,

It is my goal to prepare students for the Algebra Common Core Regents exam in June. This will require students to be organized and conscientious about their work. Students will take notes, keep an organized binder, complete daily homework assignments, create chapter study guides, and construct a formula folder. These activities are designed to develop study skills necessary to be successful in this course.

Please carefully read the attached **Regents Algebra I Common Core** syllabus and grading policy. Once you have read this, please fill out the information on this page and return it to me by **Friday, September 9, 2016**. This signed syllabus will count as a 10 POINT QUIZ GRADE (and will not be dropped). Keep the other copy for reference. All materials should be brought to class every day beginning **Monday, September 19, 2016**. Grades will be updated weekly, so please try to check your son/daughter's progress regularly on e-school. I would like to thank you for taking the time to read through this syllabus. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Ms. Samantha LaMotte

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PLEASE COMPLETELY FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

School Counselor: _____

Mother (or guardian): _____
First Last

Email Address: _____ Home/Cell Phone Number: _____

Father (or guardian): _____
First Last

Email Address: _____ Home/Cell Phone Number: _____

Parent Opinion/Feedback:

My child's strengths are _____

My child needs help with _____

This year, I would like my child to _____

I would like the teacher to know _____

Medical Concerns/Allergies: (Please explain) _____

More information on back →

This year, we will not be using a textbook, however, we do have them available if you would like your child to have another resource at home. **Please check the appropriate box below.**

- Yes, I would like my child to be given a textbook
- No textbook is needed

I have read the course syllabus and grading policy for **Algebra I Common Core** and understand all of the requirements for the course.

Student Signature/Date

Parent Signature/Date

To be filled out by teacher

This sheet will be used to log all parent/teacher contacts

PARENT CONTACT LOG

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Algebra I Syllabus and Grading Policy 2016 -2017

Ms. Samantha LaMotte

Parent/Guardian Copy

Materials

- TI-83 Plus or TI-84 Graphing Calculator
- Three-ring binder (at least 2")
- Divider tabs (1 package of 5-tab dividers)
- 2 Pocket folder with 3 prongs
- Loose leaf paper
- Graph paper
- **5x8 index cards** (not 3x5 or 4x6)
- Straight-edge
- Pencils with erasers
- Red pens (or a different color)
- Highlighter

Classroom Policies

Classroom Guidelines and Expectations:

- Be RESPECTFUL, be ON TIME, and be PREPARED
- As you enter the room, pick up your daily notes, have a seat and begin the warm-up on the board. Take out your homework assignment from the night before.
- Have all necessary materials for class every day.
- Treat others the way you want to be treated.
- Take responsibility for yourself and your learning.
- Respect the property and opinions of everyone in and out of the classroom.
- NO cell phones and/or any electronic devices are allowed, unless stated otherwise from the teacher. If a student is found with one it will be confiscated.

Consequences:

- 1.) Kind reminder of classroom expectations.
- 2.) Phone call home to help remind you of your responsibilities/accountability of a HS student.
- 3.) After school- an hour teacher detention.
- 4.) "Bells and Whistles" (Administrator/Guidance Counselor...)

Homework:

- Homework is assigned daily.
- Homework is checked daily and collected to check for completion. I'm not looking for the correct answer every time, but rather to see that you are trying every problem to the best of your ability.
- Late homework will not receive full credit (unless absent).

Tests & Quizzes:

- There will be approximately 3-4 tests per marking period. Tests will always be announced at least one week in advance.
- Quizzes will be given throughout the quarter. One quiz can be dropped during the quarter. Calculator quizzes will also be given.

Progress Reports & Grades:

- Grades will be taken from homework, quizzes, tests, and participation. Your total points will be divided by the Total Possible Points.
- Progress reports will be given to every student at the 5 and 10-week mark of each marking period. **These progress reports will be a 20-point quiz grade. (5 additional bonus points will be provided upon parent/guardian comments regarding student progress).**
- Up-to-date grades will be available weekly on e-school. Students without access may receive their grade at the end of class.

Extra Help:

- If you do not understand something that is covered in class, **please ask questions!** If you still do not understand the material after asking questions and seeking help during the given class time, you can arrange a time to me outside of class for extra help.
- I am more than willing to meet with you before or after school by appointment. I arrive at school between 7:00am and 7:15am every morning. I will take into consideration those students who sought extra help consistently when computing averages.

Absences:

- Good grades are a result of good attendance. I cannot teach you and you cannot learn if you are not in class.
- If you are absent for any reason it is your responsibility to obtain the notes and assignments from the “While You Were Out” board at the front of the classroom.
- Missed homework must be made up within one day of your absence.
- Missed tests must be made up within one week of your absence.

Field Trips/Family Vacations/Music Lessons:

- Students participating in a school field trip, family vacation, or music lessons during the regular school day are responsible for getting all notes and homework from me **prior to their absence.**
- All materials, including tests, must be submitted to me before your absence or the first day upon your return to school. Failure to do so will result in a grade of zero for all assignments.

Class Notes Set-up:

Topic of Lesson	Chapter # Notes #
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please copy down EVERYTHING the teacher writes in class. If you feel you missed something, get it from a classmate or come see Ms. LaMotte!	

***ATTITUDE** has a big impact on your life.*

***ATTITUDE** is more than talent, skills, successes, or failures.*

*Life is made up of what happens to you and how you react to it. How you react depends on your **ATTITUDE**...*

*And the best part is you are in charge of your **ATTITUDE***

