



"The mission of the WCHS Freshman Academy is to develop purposeful learners who take initiative to explore, create and prepare for opportunities."

William Chrisman High School Freshman Academy

Algebra 1 – Semester 1

Course Syllabus – 2014/15

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Course Overview

In this course, through real life situations, students will advance their understanding of algebra and functions. They will explore mathematics through class work, projects, homework and teacher instruction.

Textbook & Supplies

The textbook for this class is *Algebra 1*, which is a McDougell Littell textbook. Textbooks will only be issued at the request of a parent or student, and are a \$75 obligation if not returned. Students may check a book out at the administration window.

In order to be successful in this course, each day students should bring to class their paper and pencils and/or pens. We will be using graphing calculator technology extensively within this course. Students will be given class time to complete any assigned work that requires graphing calculators.

Classwork

This class will be demanding of students to think outside the box and participate in class discussions. We will often do activities that require students to work together and make conjectures. Points will be awarded for active participation in such activities. It is important that all students stay on task and work together when necessary.

Classroom Expectations

Students are expected to be in the classroom on time with the necessary materials in their possession.

- Students should enter the classroom on time and in an orderly fashion.
- Students should begin working on the posted activity as soon as class begins, without teacher prompt.
- During large group discussion, students are expected to remain in their seats, be attentive to the speaker, and actively participate.
- During small group investigations and discussions, students are expected to behave in a safe manner, participate equally in the activity, thus fulfilling the duties of their respective group roles, and return any materials in their original condition.
- During tests, quizzes, and any other individual seatwork, students are expected to be quiet, independent, non-distractive participants.
- Students will be dismissed by the teacher (not by the bell) at the end of each block.

"When you come to a fork in the road, take it!"



Homework

Students will be regularly assigned homework that is designed to reinforce and extend the material we are investigating in class. This homework should be completed before class on the day that it is due.

Grades

Students will be graded on homework, classwork, quizzes, tests, and projects. Tests will be worth 100 points, quizzes range from 10 to 30 points, homework and classwork ranges from 4-10 points. These points are subject to change.

PowerSchool

Parents can set up Power School to provide automatic grade update emails. After they log in, one of the choices at the top of the page is "Email Notification". From that menu they can choose how often they want a grade report sent to their email. I try to keep PowerSchool updated weekly.

Class Website

I have created a class website where daily assignments and notes will be posted. This will be very beneficial for absent students. There will be contact information on this website along with information regarding upcoming assessments. The web address is:



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Absent Work

In the event that a student is absent and work needs to be completed, students will have the same amount of time absent to complete their missed work. ***It is the student's responsibility to acquire all absent work and complete it.*** There is an absent folder in the classroom that absent students should refer to for work that was missed. The website is also a great resource to find missing work. If you are absent when an assignment is checked in, it will be marked as zero and missing until you complete the assignment.

Cell Phones & Electronic Devices

Cell phones and electronic devices will not be tolerated during instructional time. Students will receive one warning before I take their device and turn it into the office for a parent to pick up.