

Algebra I Honors Class Syllabus
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Algebra I Honors is a faster paced Algebra 1 course. The course begins with a quick review of solving and graphing linear functions. Following the review, students will explore the properties and operations of linear inequalities, absolute value equations, quadratic equations, basic exponential equations, and graphing systems of equations. In addition, the course will cover some basic statistics. This course is available to all students who meet the GCSSD course specific honors admissions criteria.

HONORS:

Since this is an honors class all criteria set forth on the honors contract apply. Please refer to honor contract that is signed by both student and parent.

TEXTBOOKS & OTHER COURSE MATERIALS:

Textbook: Holt McDougal Algebra 1 Calculators – TI 84 (Not Required)

Notebook

Paper

Pencil

Highlighters

ASSESSMENTS AND GRADING POLICY:

Assessments will be in the form of quizzes and chapter tests. We will take several short quizzes on skills and longer comprehensive tests on chapters. If a student is absent and misses an assessment they must make it up during tutoring or by appointment after school. This is the responsibility of the student!

If a student is unhappy with a grade, they may see me about it. Do not wait until the end of the grading period!

Homework will be assigned each time we learn a new skill. Homework is not a large part of your grade; I consider it practice. Very few students perform well on quizzes and exams without at least some practice. The sooner you learn to do homework for learning – instead of just for points – the better. To be successful, you **MUST** do your homework!

Students will also be required to complete a project for the Honors coursework. It will be required to meet the stipulations of the Honors contract. The project will count as a test grade.

<u>Grade Scale</u>	<u>Weight</u>	
A 93 – 100	Chapter Tests	50%
B 85 – 92	Quizzes	35%
C 75 – 84	Daily (Classwork, Homework)	15%
D 70 – 74		

CLASS RULES:

1. Stay in your seat unless told differently.
2. Pay attention and don't be a distraction.
3. Be respectful of others and their property in the room.
4. Do what I say the first time I say it.

CONSEQUENCES:

Follow all school rules in your handbook. Consequences for not following rules:

First time: Warning

Second time: Call Home/Conference

Third time: Referral to the office

Severe classroom disruptions may result in an automatic and immediate referral to the office.

CLASS STANDARDS:

1. Give 100%
2. Raise your hand to answer questions
3. In your seat when the bell rings
4. Give the teacher your attention
5. Get all materials before class
6. Sit quietly when guests arrive

RESTROOM:

You should go to the restroom between classes. There is plenty of time before 1st Block, 10 minutes between 1st and 2nd Blocks, and 3rd Block is split due to lunch. You can go during these times. Extreme cases may be allowed to go to the restroom. Do not ask during instructional time.

Plagiarism/cheating

This is not a minor infraction and will result in immediate discipline. Students will be punished with ISS. They will be allowed to resubmit the work within a reasonable time. If the student does not complete the work within the extended deadline, then he/she will receive a 0 for incompleteness. If the cheating was on a quiz or test, a different version of the assessment will be given as soon as possible. Another form is acceptable.

You can find the state standards at Algebra 1 Standards
https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/standards/math/stds_math.pdf
They are located on pages 87-91.

	Objectives
First 4 ½ Weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Equations▪ Inequalities▪ Functions▪ Patterns and Sequences
Second 4 ½ Weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Linear Functions▪ Linear Equations▪ Linear Inequalities▪ Solving Linear Systems▪ Midterm
Third 4 ½ Weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Polynomials▪ Quadratics▪ Graphing Quadratics
Fourth 4 ½ Weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Rational Exponents▪ Radicals▪ Piecewise Functions▪ Geometric Sequences▪ TN Ready Test

Important Dates: Case Benchmark October 12-16
2nd Case Benchmark November 16-20
TN Ready: December 9, 2020 Parts 1 & 2; December 10, 2020 Part 3
No Midterm and Final Exams this year

Board Policy 4.400:

Upon request, parents/guardians shall have the ability to inspect the following items: instructional materials; teaching materials; teaching aids; handouts; and tests that are developed by and graded by their child's teacher. The director of schools shall develop procedures for the inspection of materials and distribute these procedures to each principal.