

Welcome to 8th Grade Algebra!

Stars Cluster

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Hello parents and students, and welcome back to a new school year! I hope everyone had a wonderful, relaxing summer vacation.

Required Materials

3 Ring Binder: This binder is to be used for math class only and is expected to be in class daily.

5 Dividers: Your notebook should be divided into 5 sections (Notes, Handouts, Homework, Quizzes/Tests, and Math Lab)

Pencils with eraser (preferably mechanical) /Correcting Pen or colored pencil

Loose Leaf Paper

Highlighter (recommended but not required)

Calculator (required)

Spiral Notebook with Graph Paper

Textbooks

The textbook for this class is McDougal Littell Algebra 1 2007. Please take good care of the textbook and keep it covered at all times.



In addition, you can access an online version of the textbook at www.classzone.com. This website includes extra practice, mock quizzes, online tutorials, and animated math applications. Homework problems assigned from the text can also be accessed on this site.

Criteria for Credit

All student work should be done in a manner that increases the probability of success and facilitates evaluation. Student work should adhere to the

CRITERIA FOR CREDIT:

1. Work should be done on standard size paper with a **pencil**
2. Each assignment should be appropriately labeled with the student's name, assignment number, and date of the assignment at the top of the page.
3. All work must be shown and displayed in a vertical format. This includes writing down the original problem! (Except word problems)
4. All answers are CIRCLED for easy grading.
5. Work is neat and organized with no unrelated material on the page.

Classroom Rules

STUDENT BEHAVIOR SHOULD NOT INFRINGE ON THE LEARNING OF OTHERS.

1. I expect everyone to be respectful of themselves and others.
2. Be on-time to class, and come prepared.
3. Sharpen your pencils before class starts.
4. Do not talk when someone else is speaking.
5. No hats, No gum, No Phones, No food
6. iPads need to be charged.
7. If you prefer handwritten notes, be sure to print them prior to class.

Additional practice and review is available on my website, in the textbook, and at www.classzone.com.

Grading

1. Term grades will be determined by in-class work, homework, math lab, quizzes and tests.
2. Quizzes are out of 100 points and will make up 30% of the term grade.
3. Tests will be worth 100 points and will make up 40% of the term grade.
4. Homework is worth 20% of your term grade and will be graded on a scale of 0 – 4. Late homework is $\frac{1}{2}$ credit and will not be accepted after the chapter test. In order to earn full points, all daily assignments are to be completed by the beginning of the following class day. When doing homework, please follow the **CRITERIA FOR CREDIT** guidelines.
5. Students are responsible to make up missed work when absent. Refer to the homework calendar in your class's bin.
6. If a student is present for the quiz/test review but is absent on the day of the test, it should be made up **on the day the student returns from his/her absence** (See teacher to make arrangements.) All other missed quizzes and tests must be made up in a reasonable amount of time.
7. There will be two cumulative exams during the year, a midterm in January and final exam in June. Both exams will count as a 100 point test.
8. Math Lab is worth 10% of the term grade. Students will be responsible for material learned in lab, as it will be assessed on in class assessments.
9. Quiz and Test grades below a 70% will require a parent/guardian signature.