

ALGEBRA B
MR. BUTEYN

CONTACT: The best way is via email at mbuteyn@basd.k12.wi.us. You may also contact me by phone at 763-0200 (extension 4239). I do not recommend contacting me through Skyward.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: In this class, we will focus on concepts such as exponents and exponential models, functions, transformations, quadratic models, probability, and an introduction to geometry.

MATERIALS: A 1 1/2 inch 3-ring binder, scientific calculator, red pen, pencil (mechanical is preferred), and looseleaf paper are needed for class. **Students need a scientific calculator. The best and cheapest option is the TI-30X IIS.** These can be found at amazon.com or Walmart for about \$12. A TI-83 calculator is used at times, but classroom sets will be available.

GRADING: Your grade will be based on your performance in several categories. Please understand that I *do not* give out grades, you *earn* your grade. You earn your grade by demonstrating your mastery of the material.

Students and parents often inquire as to whether extra credit is available. The answer is no. Extra credit is not offered as your grade is based upon your ability to demonstrate your knowledge of the material. Please do not ask for extra credit at the end of a grading period.

The other question students and parents often ask is whether I round grades. The answer is I do not. The grade you earn on Skyward is the grade you receive. Grades are computed in the following manner:

Here is the breakdown of how your grade is computed:

Binder/Notes = 10%	A 93.00 – 100.00	C 73.00 – 76.99
Homework = 20%	A- 90.00 – 92.99	C- 70.00 – 72.99
Quizzes = 30%	B+ 87.00 – 89.99	D+ 67.00 – 69.99
Exams = 30%	B 83.00 – 86.99	D 63.00 – 66.99
Final Exam/Midterm = 10%	B- 80.00 – 82.99	D- 60.00 – 62.99
	C+ 77.00 – 79.99	F 0.00 – 59.99

HOMEWORK: Students will receive an assignment almost every day. Assignments will be collected the next day and entered into the grade book. Please do your assignment in pencil.

Students may make corrections on all assignments. Because full credit is given for corrections, students must show all work on any problem that was initially marked incorrect. Corrections should be handed in within two days of getting them back.

Late work is accepted for reduced credit up to one day after assignments were collected unless a student has been absent. An extension may be given if the makes the request before the assignment is due. Assignments handed in after that point will receive no credit.

QUIZZES AND TESTS: You may retake one quiz each quarter and one test each semester. This needs to be done after school or during a study hall in the math lab within one week of receiving the original grade. After one week, you will not be allowed to make up a quiz or test.

If you choose to retake a quiz, you must be able to prove to me that you put in effort to understand the material. If you worked with someone, please have them write a note explaining what you did to work on the material, and then sign and date it. You could also show me extra problems that you did to master the material. And of course, you can see me for help as well. The highest grade you can earn on a make-up quiz or a test is 89%.

Please let me know in advance if you choose to retake a quiz or test so I can be sure to have an extra copy available for you when you need it.

NOTES/BINDERS: Note sheets are handed out for each lesson and are filled out by the students in class. These sheets must be stored, in order, in a three-ring binder. These binders will be collected and graded at the end of each term for organization and completion. If you are absent, get the note sheets and fill them out using another student's notes. Students must maintain the same binder for the semester—do not throw out the notes from the previous term. No photocopies are allowed.

CHEATING: Cheating is incredibly serious. At many universities, if you are caught cheating, you can be expelled. Therefore, please be responsible and do your own work. Working together on an assignment is always acceptable. However, copying someone else's work is not acceptable.

If you are caught cheating on an assignment, homework quiz, quiz, or test, you will receive a zero and will be issued a detention. You may choose to redo a quiz or test after school in my classroom for 50% credit. Homework quizzes will not be made up.

EXTRA HELP: Sometimes math gets confusing, and if you need extra help, I am available after school Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. *PLEASE* do not be afraid to ask for help when you need it! It is therefore *your* responsibility to ask when you do not understand a concept. I'd be more than happy to help.

Please do not wait until the day before a test to tell me you do not understand anything in the chapter. You will not be able to learn all the material in one night. Please ask questions as we learn the material to give you the opportunity to master the material.

ABSENCES: *YOU* are responsible for any work that you miss.

- You have two days for every day you missed to turn in missing work (including tests).
- Homework due the day you were absent is due on the day you return.
- If you know you are going to be absent, *YOU* are responsible for informing me. Please let me know as soon as possible so I can get you the notes and homework assignment for when you will be absent.
- If you know you will be absent the day before a test (field trip or appointment), you are responsible for taking the test with the rest of the class.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS: Most rules are common sense and involve simply showing respect for fellow classmates, but here is the short list:

- *Be on time—detentions are given out after the third unexcused tardy.
- *While the lesson is being taught or if you are taking a quiz or a test, do not get out of your desk without permission.
- * If you have food or drink please take care of it quickly and quietly. Once the lesson starts the only thing left should be water. Pick up after yourself or you will lose the privilege completely.
- *Please keep cell phones and Chromebooks away unless you have permission to have them out. If have to remind you more than once, I will take it and you will get it back at the end of class. If it happens again, will have to pick it up in the office after school.
- *At the end of the class period, I will dismiss you—not the bell. Do not pack up early or line up at the door near the end of class.**

RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY: All BHS students are given report card comments rating their level of respect and responsibility. Components of respect and responsibility are illustrated below:

STUDENTS WHO ILLUSTRATE RESPECT:

- Use respectful tone when speaking with adults and peers
- Actively listen while others are talking
- Refrain from using derogatory remarks when talking about other people
- Follow directions
- Do not interfere with others’ learning
- Demonstrate empathy toward others

STUDENTS WHO ILLUSTRATE RESPONSIBILITY:

- Complete and turns in assignments on time
- Follow through with assigned tasks in group work
- Arrive on time to class
- Arrive to class with needed material

Parents,

Please cut above and sign below to indicate that you have read and understand the course description. Keep it for your records or remember that you can access it from the BASD website. (Simply find the staff directory and follow the link to my web page.) Please contact me immediately if you have any questions or concerns about the course or anything else throughout the year.

Student Name (Print)

Parent Name (Print)

Parent Signature