

ALGEBRA I
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CONTACT: The best way is via email at mbuteyn@basd.k12.wi.us. Please do not try contacting me through Skyward as that is very unreliable.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This class is designed to ensure mastery of the basic Algebraic and Geometric concepts covered last year while focusing on higher-level problems within those same mathematical categories.

MATERIALS: A 1 1/2 inch 3-ring binder, scientific calculator, pencil (mechanical is preferred) 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 \$14. A graphing calculator may be helpful but is not required. If you choose to get one, I suggest getting a Texas Instruments model TI-83 or better.

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 = 20%	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
Benchmarks = 10%	C+ 77.00 – 79.99	F 0.00 – 59.99

ASSIGNMENTS: Assignments are given almost every day. Assignments will be posted on Google Classroom along with the video notes for that day. You will then scan or take a picture of your assignment and submit it on Classroom before the due date. The assignment will then be graded on completion (including all work).

No credit will be given for work submitted after we have gone over the assignment in class. Options for credit recovery using Mobius assignments may be available. Submitting late assignments with work shown will qualify a student for a quiz or test retake.

BENCHMARKS: Benchmarks must be 100% correct in order to be considered complete. **It is department policy that all benchmarks must be completed in order to pass the class.**

QUIZZES AND TESTS: Quizzes and tests will be done on Mobius but work will be shown on a sheet of paper and handed in. You may retake a quiz or a test only if all assignments are completed. This needs to be done after school or during a study hall in the math lab within two

weeks of receiving the original grade. The highest grade you can earn on a make-up quiz or a test is 85%. Please let me know in advance if you choose to retake a quiz or test so I can arrange a time for you to take 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 quarter for organization and completion. If you are absent, get the note sheets from Google Classroom. Students must maintain the same binder for the year—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.

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.

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.

ABSENCES: If you are absent, use the video notes posted on Google Classroom, take the notes in your binder, and submit your assignment as usual. If you are too sick to work, let me know.

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

- Please keep earbuds out unless it is work time. They are not allowed during quizzes and tests or during a lesson.
- Please keep cell phones and Chromebooks away unless you have permission to use them. If I see your cell phone out, you will need to put it on the back table and you will get it back at the end of class. If this happens repeatedly, you 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.**