

HONORS ALGEBRA II
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CONTACT: The best way is via email at mbuteyn@basd.k12.wi.us. I do not recommend contacting me through Skyward as that has been proven to be very unreliable.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: In this class, we will expand upon the concepts covered in Algebra I as well as include new topics like logarithms, probability, matrices, functions, and standard deviation. Please understand that this is an **honors** course. I have high expectations of you and for you to be successful in this course you will have to push yourself.

MATERIALS: A 2 or 3 inch 3-ring binder, pencil (mechanical is preferred), and notebook (or looseleaf paper) for homework are needed for class. A TI-83+ or TI-84+ (or better) calculator is used throughout the class and is required. I do not recommend other brands because all instructions are for Texas Instruments calculators. I would also avoid rechargeable calculators.

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.

Extra credit problems occasionally show up on quizzes and tests but is **not offered** outside those situations. 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.

I do not round grades up or down. The grade you earn in the Skyward is the grade you receive. Grades are computed in the following manner:

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| 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 |

ASSIGNMENTS: Assignments are given almost every day. Just like any other skill, mathematics needs to be practiced. Assignments will be done in a notebook or on looseleaf paper. 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). Late work will not be accepted.

- 0 – less than 1/3 of the assignment is finished
- 1 – between 1/3 and 2/3 of the assignment is finished
- 2 – most of the assignment is finished
- 3 – the assignment is completely finished

QUIZZES AND TESTS: You may retake one quiz per quarter and one test per 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. The highest grade you can earn on a quiz or a test retake 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 are an important part of the daily learning process and 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 check, 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 checks will not be made up.

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 away unless you have permission to have it out. If I see it, you will have to place it on the back table and you will get it back at the end of class. If it happens repeatedly, you will have to pick it up in the office after school.
- At the end of the period, I will dismiss you. Please don't pack up early and start lining up at the door.