
HONORS ALGEBRA I

CLASS EXPECTATIONS AND STANDARDS 2019-2020

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*******Very Important! Per CPS Policy, in order to pass this class and not have to retake it, a student must pass both semesters with a C or higher as well as pass the Algebra Exit exam taken in May.*******

If a student earns a D or an F for the final grade for first semester, that student will be moved to Pre-Algebra for second semester.

7th grade students must earn an A or a B in order to take Chemistry the following school year.

8th grade students must earn an A or a B in order to stay in the Honors track for math.

I. CLASS EXPECTATIONS:

1. Students will RESPECT their peers, teachers, and the property of the school.
2. Students will adhere to the Chicago Public School Discipline Code.
 - a. Students will wear their IDs.
 - b. Cell phones and i-pods are a big no-no.
 - c. No food or drinks in the classroom. Water is allowed.
3. Attendance is mandatory. Students will arrive on time and prepared for each class.
4. Students will be on task for the duration of class.

GRADING SCALE:	
90 - 100	A
80 - 89	B
70 - 79	C
60 - 69	D
Below 60	F

II. REQUIRED CLASS MATERIALS:

McDougal Littell Algebra 1 textbook and workbook by Larson, Boswell, Kanold, Stiff 2008
Loose-leaf paper
Folder or Three-Ring Binder (just for this class)
Spiral notebook (just for this class)
Pencils (*work completed in ink will NOT be graded!*)
Calculator: TI-83, TI-84, TI-N-spire, or a scientific calculator
Lane Tech Student Planner

III. GRADING POLICY:

Grades will be made up of five weighted categories: **tests (35%)**, **quizzes (25%)**, **homework/classwork/notebook (22%)**, **Khan Academy practice (8%)**, and **the semester Final Exam (10%)**.

Tests will be given periodically. Typically there will be 3-4 tests per quarter. All work must be shown and partial credit is given.

Quizzes will be given weekly. All work must be shown and partial credit is given.

Daily Homework will be turned in at the beginning of the period the day after it is assigned.

Folders/Spiral Notebooks will be collected and graded at random throughout each quarter (1-2 times per quarter).

- The folder should contain the following:
- (1) Graded Tests/Quizzes
 - (2) Handed Back Class work/Homework/Worksheets

The spiral notebook must contain ***dated***, ***titled***, and ***ordered*** notes and problem sets from each day.

The grade is based on neatness, organization, and quality of examples in your notes.

IV. ATTENDANCE:

The Lane Tech Attendance Policy will be strictly enforced, as I expect students to be in class EVERYDAY.

Tardies:

The student will be considered tardy if:

- 1) The student comes to class without a notice of reinstatement for the previous day's absence and must leave class to obtain a reinstatement.
- 2) The student comes to class without an ID and has to leave the classroom to obtain a Temporary ID.
- 3) The student comes to class without the required materials and asks to go to his/her locker.

Functions:

Permits will not be signed if the student's current grade is a D or F.

A function is NOT counted against the student's grade.

The student is responsible for inquiring about assignments prior to the function and turning it in with the rest of the class. Quizzes and tests must be taken prior to leaving for the function at the morning tutoring sessions.

V. ABSENTEE/MAKE-UP POLICY:

Tests and Quizzes:

If a student is absent on the day of a test or quiz, he/she is responsible for making up the quiz/test on the day he/she returns.

Homework/Classwork:

Rules for late homework will be discussed in class and an additional paper will be sent home with guidelines.

If you are absent you should put your late assignment on my desk with your note.

Also, if you want credit for the homework assigned on the day of your absence you must contact someone from class, email me, or check the homework calendar.

You must turn in the assignment on the day it is due for the class. You should use the examples in the book or other resources to complete it. If you are unable to complete the assignment, please talk to me first thing in class upon returning to school.

Notes/Folder:

The student is expected to be current with all notes and assignments, no excuses.

Use your notes, tutoring, and your peers to help you stay current with your work.

VI. ADDITIONAL HELP:

Since I will allot significant class time for review and questions, I will not hold tutoring for this class on a regular basis. I am available by appointment only. Please schedule with me in advance.

*Additional tutoring services are offered daily before school, after school, and during the lunch periods. (See posted tutoring bulletin)

VII. OTHER:

Rounding Grades:

I follow rounding rules and will round semester grades only. I will only round the semester grade if the homework percentage is 80 or higher (B average).

On Task:

If a student is not on task (*sleeping, working on other homework, reading a book, etc*) or disrupting the class the student may receive a demerit(s).

Please sign to indicate that you have received this information and return this portion to Ms. Jencius.

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____, have read through this information and am aware of the requirements for his/her class.

Parent signature: _____ Daytime phone: _____

Email(if you have one): _____