

Reynolds High School
Resource Pre-Algebra (2023-24)

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Welcome to Pre-Algebra. This class is designed to prepare students for taking Algebra and reinforcing math skills that can apply to further math endeavors and real life. We cover such diverse topics as:

Order of Operations

Exponents

Graphing and linear equations

Solving multi-step equations

Expressions and Equations

Statistics and probability

Students will usually have some time during class to work on assignments for the day, with support from myself and/or an assistant. However, we will cover and explain any new material first.

Course Requirements: To be successful in Pre-Algebra, students will have to participate in class and complete assignments. Time for work is always provided in class.

In addition, each student will keep a math journal that can be used as a reference at any time in class.

Basic Classroom Expectations: Be respectful of your classmates, adults, and yourself. Participate to the best of your abilities and challenge yourself to do better. Be open and honest. Ask for support if you are confused, upset, or experiencing difficulties. Phones should be off and away during instruction and Whole Class Lessons.

Work time expectations:

This is a quiet time for students to work on an assignment from class.

It is a time to get help if you need it.

It is a time to read quietly or research or create something if all classwork and homework is completed.

You can listen to music if you have headphones, earbuds or airpods. Work time is not a time for sleeping, watching shows (Netflix, YouTube, etc.), or playing video games, except on special occasions.

Grading: Students earn points by completing the Whole Class Lessons, completing daily work (both on paper and on Schoology) and by completing assessments at the end of each unit of study.

Daily assignments and notebooks contribute to a weekly grade that is cumulatively 60% of the grade.

Assessments happen less frequently (every 2-4 weeks, and at the end of each unit) but make up 40% of the grade.

A standard A (90-100) B (80-89) C (70-79) D (60-69) F scale applies to the class.

Student's Printed Name:

Student's signature

Parent's signature:

Date: