



Pre-AP Algebra 1

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Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome to Algebra 1! It is an honor to be a Prosper Hays Hawk and we look forward to working with the talented students of Hays Middle School. It will be a great year of discovery and learning as students are provided the groundwork for upper level math classes. Algebra 1 is designed to build a foundation for success. Expectations are high and as teachers, we anticipate students to have a successful year both in and out of the classroom. We are committed to providing students with the materials and knowledge necessary for achievement. Below you will find key information and guidelines that will help ensure student success:

Google Classroom

Google Classroom will be an important way that I can communicate with students. I will post homework assignments, test and quiz dates, and other valuable information on this site. I keep an updated calendar here as well so that everyone is aware of upcoming assignments and events.

Textbook

For Algebra 1, students will have a hard copy of the textbook for use in class and will access it online outside of class. You can find all of the information and instructions for accessing the textbook on the following website:

<http://www.prosper-isd.net/Page/4028>

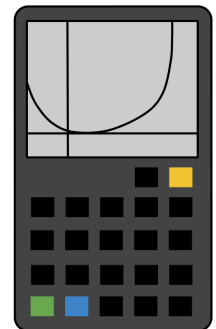
Your username and password is the same as your school login.

STAAR TESTING

The State of Texas has determined that every student must pass the Algebra 1 EOC (STAAR End of Course Exam) as a graduation requirement. The work we do in and out of class will enable students to confidently approach this test and complete it successfully.

Calculators

TI-84 Calculators will be provided for students to use in the classroom. Students are welcome to purchase their own TI-84 Calculator for use outside of class or utilize the FREE website [Desmos.com](https://www.desmos.com). Since we provide calculators for use in class, whatever calculator students decide to use outside of class will be sufficient.



Grades

As per the Hays Middle School grading policy, Daily grades (classwork/homework/quizzes) will count for 40% and Major grades (tests/projects) will count for 60% of a student's grade.

****Pre-AP Algebra 1 WILL count towards the student's high school GPA**

Tests/Quizzes

Tests will be given at the end of every unit. There will be a minimum of three unit tests for each nine week grading period. Quizzes will be given periodically and will be weighted as much as homework and classwork. Test/quiz dates will be posted on the online calendar as well as in the classroom.

Improving Grades

If a student scores below a 70% on a test, or other major assignment, retests will be allowed within one week of receiving the original grade for a maximum grade of 70%. Students will need to schedule a tutorial to correct the test and also another appointment to retake the assignment.

Homework

Homework will consist of a blend of online assignments, through the online textbook, and print assignments such as worksheets or projects. All assignments will be posted to Google Classroom with due dates. If a student is struggling with homework, please encourage them to attend tutoring for extra help.



Late Work Policy

As per the Hays Middle School grading policy, if no absences are involved, students may receive a maximum grade of 70% for late homework that is received by one day after the due date, otherwise Skyward will reflect a 0%. Turning in late homework does not excuse you from taking a quiz or test. It is also the student's responsibility to make sure homework is turned in.

Make-Up Work

If a student is absent, it is their responsibility to ask what they missed and make up the work. Students can find out what they missed by looking on Google Classroom. The online textbook has excellent resources for catching students up when they miss class if they are unable to attend tutorials. Tests and quizzes can be made up before or after school by appointment. Students will have one day to make up work for every day of excused absence, as per the grading policy.

Academic Dishonesty

Copying another student's work on ANY assignment and/or test is considered cheating and will not be tolerated. As per the Reynolds Middle School Academic Dishonesty Policy, students caught cheating on a daily grade will receive a detention along with a zero. Students caught cheating on a major grade may retake/redo the assessment for a maximum grade of 50% with points deducted from 50 on a percentage basis.



Tutorials

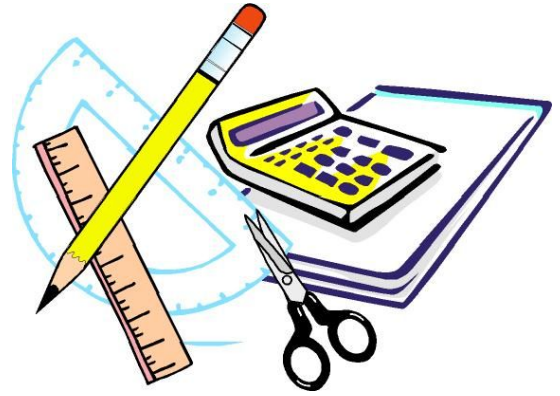
The Algebra 1 team offers tutoring before and after school every day (with the exception of Friday afternoon). Tutorial schedules are posted online and on classroom doors. Do not wait until it is too late! Algebra 1 is a course that builds by concept; many times, students will have to recall information that was taught in previous units so it is important that you truly understand each concept. Believe in your abilities! Remind yourself that you can do the work and then always ask for help when you need it!

Algebra 1 Supplies

This year in Algebra 1 we will be using Interactive Notebooks for note taking. I have found many, many benefits to interactive notebooking including the fact that it significantly cuts down the supply list for the class!

For DAILY use in class you will need:

1. A spiral **notebook**. This can be Wide Ruled, College Ruled, or graph paper.
2. A **pencil**. Since learning math involves new processes that take practice to perfect, I prefer that you use pencil only so that it can be erased easily!



Teacher Wish List:

- Jumbo Glue Sticks
- Dry Erase Markers

Algebra 1 Syllabus

Please return this page before Friday, August 16th.

Student Name _____ Class Period _____

Do I have permission to communicate specific grade and behavior information with you via email regarding your child?

Yes _____ No _____

Does your child have access to the internet and a computer for online assignments outside of school?

Yes _____ No _____

I have read and understand the rules and procedures for math class.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

 *About Mrs. Patrick* 

My Favorites:

Color: Purple

Drink: Coca-Cola

Snack: Pretzels and Chocolate

Movie: Remember The Titans

My Activities:

At HMS: I teach Pre-AP Algebra 1, and I am the UIL Academic Coordinator

Outside RMS: I enjoy reading, traveling and spending time with family

Fun Facts:

Birthday: February 15th

Birthplace: Indianapolis, Indiana

High School: Frisco Wakeland High School

College: University of North Texas (Go Mean Green!)

Former Schools: I have taught at Prosper High School and Reynolds Middle School

Family Information: I have a husband, Zack, who works in Frisco ISD. We have two four-legged babies, Chevy and June.





"Just a darn minute! — Yesterday
you said that X equals two!"