



Algebra 2

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Welcome to Algebra 2! This course will be multifaceted and build upon the concepts of Algebra 1. Algebra 2 teaches foundational content that prepares students for college algebra. Attendance is crucial for this course as students will be expected to maintain the pace and rigour of the material. Below are a few guidelines to help us have a productive and successful year.

Classroom Expectations

All of the rules and consequences outlined in your student handbook will be observed as well as those outlined below.

★ **Be respectful of your teacher:**

- Be on time (this includes virtual learners) and bring all materials every day including your fully charged Chromebook
- Be actively involved and **DO YOUR BEST**
- Simple, non-messy snacks (except when using laptops) and drinks with caps are allowed
- Electronic devices must be silenced and placed out of sight. Exceptions may be made with specific permission

★ **Be respectful of others:**

- Respect others right to learn by treating them the way you wish to be treated
- Leave your learning environment better than the way you found it
- Always be kind and polite

★ **Academic Honesty:**

- Copying students work on ANY assignment will NOT be tolerated and is considered to be academic dishonesty. Students who cheat will receive a ZERO on the assignment and an office referral. This applies to the student copying and the student allowing their work to be copied. Cell phones/laptops/smart watches, etc. must be placed in students backpacks during tests, quizzes, and specific assignments. Any deviation from this policy will be considered cheating. PHS academic dishonesty policy will be strictly enforced.

Supplies

1. Three-ring binder with plenty of lined & graph paper.
2. A **pencil**. Since learning math involves new processes that take practice, please use a pencil that can erase easily!
3. An **eraser** (*preferably hi-polymer*).
4. Pencil, eraser, red (or other bright color) pen, highlighters, small straightedge.
5. Whiteboard marker(s) and small eraser or cloth to erase.
6. Graphing Calculator (optional, but very useful for you at home)
 - The PHS Math Department suggests a TI-84+ or TI-Nspire
 - Be sure to research permitted calculators for the SAT and ACT before purchasing!

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GRADING

FORMATIVE GRADES (40% of your Final Grade)

- ★ **Homework** will be weighted as a single assignment. All work must be shown on homework! Homework will NOT be accepted past the unit exam in which it was assigned. Late homework will receive a maximum grade of 70%.
- ★ **Quizzes** are weighted as two homework grades. Should you be absent on the day of a quiz you will be expected to take the quiz on the day you return from an excused absence. Students who score below a 70% on unit quiz(zes), but score higher on the test, have an opportunity to replace the quiz grade(s) with the test grade (maximum of 70%, first test attempt only). *No corrections or retakes will be offered for quizzes.*
- ★ **Daily Assignments** may be weighted depending on the complexity of the assignment. Examples of daily assignments include notebook checks, warm ups, and/or exit tickets.

Should an absence occur, it is the student's responsibility to complete make-up work and attend tutorials to gain an understanding of the missed content. Copies of notes will be made available on google classroom as well as missed assignments.

SUMMATIVE GRADES (60% of your Final Grade)

- ★ **Summative Assessments** will be given during each unit. You will be expected to take the summative assessment on the day that it is given or the day you return from an excused absence.
- ★ **Absent Summative Assessments:** Students who are absent for a test will take a different absent version (different format, but not more difficult) the next class period, during class, inside the classroom (to prevent cheating in the hallway). Other arrangements can be made between the student and teacher before the next class period begins.
- ★ **Re-Tests:** When we have a test, students who score below 70% are allowed an opportunity to increase their grade to a max of 70%. Before retaking a retest, students must complete a remediation as determined by the Algebra 2 team. Remediation and retests must be done within 2 weeks of handing back original test grades.
- ★ **Performance Tasks** will be assigned periodically and will be weighted as a summative grade depending on the complexity of the project. *Late projects will receive a maximum grade of 70% and must be turned in the next class period.*

Grades will be updated weekly. Please check *Skyward* for your current average.