



Mrs. Farrell's Algebra 1A Expectations & Policies: 2023-2024

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Algebra 1A extends previously learned arithmetic skills to expressions involving variables. This course is a formal study of Algebra 1 concepts including integers, rational numbers, expressions, solving linear equations, graphing linear functions, writing linear equations, and exponents.

Materials & Textbooks:

- Pencils and erasers
- Math binder or notebook
- Calculator (i.e. TI-30X). You can *NOT* use your phone, watch, laptop, etc. as your "calculator."
- Your CHARGED laptop & FUNCTIONING digital pen
- Textbooks are available online; you may also request a hardback/printed version, if desired.

Attendance and Participation:

- Attendance will be taken every period.
- Be mentally and physically present in class!
 - *Mentally* – pay attention, participate, ask questions, keep only math work open on your laptop/desk, focus conversations on math, keep cell phones off and away (in your locker).
 - *Physically* – sitting in your desk when the bell rings; bathroom visits should be minimal and not during instructional time.

Assessment & Grading Policy:

- Formative Assignments (10%): Homework, Classwork, Online assignments, etc.
- Summative Assignments (90%): Quizzes, Unit Tests
- Midterm & Final Exams, Core Assessments – Together, these exams count for 20% of your final grade
- We will follow the Holicong & CBSD assessment guidelines (posted in Canvas and Mrs. Farrell's site).
- Monitor your grade in the Infinite Campus Portal.

Homework:

- Daily assignments are to be completed in your math binder or notebook.
- Be neat & thorough. Copy the problem number and the original problem (unless it's a word problem/diagram). **ALWAYS show ALL work/steps.**
- Circle any problem that gave you trouble. We will go through homework in the next class.

Absences:

- Use the *completed* version of the missed notes (from our One Note Content Library, or Mrs. Farrell's site) to fill out YOUR OWN copy of the notes. Complete the assigned homework, too, being sure to check your answers.
- You have as many days as you were absent to submit your missed notes and homework.
- If you miss a quiz/test, please talk to Mrs. Farrell ASAP about a make-up date.

Extra Help: Seek help early and often!

- **Extra help is available during the "Intervention & Enrichment" period every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.**
- Other helpful resources: your online textbook, notes sheets, IXL, Khan Academy, and Open Study (after school on Tuesdays/Thursdays, with Mrs. Farrell).

Course Expectations:

- Be engaged! (Pay attention. Participate. Ask questions. Take good notes.)
- Show ALL steps, even if you used a calculator. No work (or illegible work) = no credit.
- Be prepared with your materials and completed homework EVERY day.
- Focus on your LEARNING / UNDERSTANDING...not just getting the work done. Math is very cumulative; you are cheating yourself (& your success in future courses) if you take shortcuts.
- Seek help early and often.

ESSENTIAL TAKEAWAYS: You will find success if you choose to be proactive, engaged, and to try your best...every day! This means **paying attention, participating, and taking good notes**. This means **studying your notes nightly**, not just the night before a quiz. **Most importantly, this means doing ALL assignments with the goal of understanding the material, not just with the goal of "getting it done" or earning a grade.** And finally, this means **getting help as soon as you feel confused**. *I am here to help – please ask for help!* Together, we will make the most of this year! Please reach out at any time with questions or concerns!

Please share this information with your parents tonight.
As always, email me with ANY questions: kfarrell@cbbsd.org