Honors Algebra One

2023-2024

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| **Contact:** Delaney MorrillRoom: J204Email: [morrill.delaney@cusd80.com](mailto:morrill.delaney@cusd80.com) Phone: (480-424-8100)  **Required Textbook:**  Algebra I, Big Ideas 2015 Edition (Online)  [www.bigideasmath.com](http://www.bigideasmath.com)  **Required Class Materials:**   * 1.5 inch binder- this will be a math ONLY binder. No other subjects should be in this binder. * Binder dividers- minimum of 5 tabs. * Pencils * Graphing Calculator (if possible)   + TI-83, TI-84, or TI-84 CE calculator (please avoid Casio) -- I recommend if you can, getting TI-84 CE * Highlighters/ colored pens- optional | Office Hours:Tuesday and Wednesday2:30pm-3:30pmThese are not set times for every week. Be sure to check the google classroom stream for updates with tutoring sessions for each week.Please remember these hours are for ALL my students and are not a one-on-one tutoring session. Tutoring sessions may become busier during quizzing and testing time. **Grading Scale**  **A** 90-100%  **B** 80-89.99%  **C** 70-79.99%  **D** 60-69.99%  **F** Below 60% |

**IMPORTANT:**

**The Honors Algebra curriculum is rigorous. In order to progress on the honors path next year, students must maintain a grade at or above 80% for both semesters and both final exams. This is non-negotiable. There are no retakes or corrections for assessments.**

**Guidelines**

* Follow Casteel guidelines as outlined in the student handbook.
* When in the classroom, leave your cell phone zipped inside your backpack and either powered off or on silent. Your phone can not be used as a calculator at school.  Your phone CAN be used the last 5 minutes of class on non-assessment days to either take pictures of problems from the math book or class notes.
* Students can not wear hats in the classroom.  No gum, eating, or drinking anything other than water.
* Follow ALL Casteel guidelines when using sources posted by teachers online. This includes but not limited to Google Classroom, Meets, Recorded Lessons, etc.

**Assignment Policy:**

The assignment grade makes up 25% of the grade for honors students.

* Homework will be graded by getting a score of 100 points. 50 points for completion of homework. The other 50 points from the homework being graded. Problems will be picked at random and graded by the teacher for each assignment.
* All work ***must*** be shown and written out in order to receive completion credit. **NO WORK NO CREDIT**
* A late assignment will result in a 25% deduction. Any late work after the Test will be 50% deduction.
* Students will receive an M for any missing assignments in the Gradebook.

**Assessments**

Assessment grades make up 75% of the grade for honors students. 45% will be Tests and the other 30% will be Quizzes.

Tests will be composed of material from the whole chapter. There will be quizzes (at least 1) per chapter prior to a test. Quizzes will cover material in the current chapter and may occur mid-chapter or prior to the chapter test.

Students are required to reschedule a missed test or quiz with their teacher. Arrangements should be made as soon as possible upon return to school.

There are NO retakes or corrections on quizzes or tests.

**Quarter/Semester Grades**

At the end of each semester, there will be a comprehensive final exam covering material from the entire semester.  At the end of quarters 1 & 3, there will be a graded project/activity/or Midterm Exam and the grade will be input for the following quarter.

Quarter Grades do NOT get rounded. They stay as they are.

Semester grades are broken down as follows:

* Each quarter makes up 40% of the semester grade (2 quarters)
* The Final Exam makes up the other 20% of the semester grade.
* Semester Grades have a possibility or being rounded but that is subject to student responsibility throughout the year
  + Students with any Missing work will **not** have their grade rounded (for either quarter in the semester)
  + Students with 5 or more assignments turned in late in a given quarter will **not** have their grade rounded.
  + Students that misbehave, receive referrals, and/or get suspended will **not** have their grade rounded.

\*Syllabus is subject to change throughout the year. Please keep up to date with this.

**Attendance and Tardy Policy:**

Attendance online is explained in a video in the google classroom. Absences are limited to 10 class periods per semester district policy. If you need to miss an exam, make prior arrangements with the teacher. There will be NO make-ups until the absence is officially excused.

When the absence is excused, the STUDENT will be responsible for communicating with the teacher to receive make-up work, INCLUDING exams.

The following tardy policy will be enforced:

1. Reminder of the tardy policy
2. Lunch detention and a parent contact.
3. A referral, a parent phone call home, and three days lunch detention

By signing this page, both parent(s)/guardian(s) and student agree to adhere to the syllabus and expectations set in place. We understand that this class is a high school level class. We also agree to the requirements stated above in order to stay in the honors program at Casteel High School. We also acknowledge that the teacher will not round grades for any missing work or multiple late work submissions.

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