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Algebra 1
Course Syllabus: Distance Learning

A Welcome Note

As we begin an unprecedented year in uncertain times, I want to welcome you to Algebra 1 via distance learning. This syllabus is designed for use during distance learning and is subject to change, especially as we move to in-person learning. I will do my best to be as flexible as possible, while still maintaining rigor and high expectations for learning, in these difficult times. Please contact me by email if you have any questions or concerns. I appreciate your support and understanding as we all navigate through new waters and experience many new challenges.

Office Hours

Available by phone, email, and Google Meet Mon.-Fri. 2:15-3:00

Grading

Points will be represented in two categories in the *Infinite Campus* gradebook: Classwork/Homework (20%) and Assessments (80%). Math grades are cumulative, meaning students will begin 2nd Quarter with the same grade as they left in 1st quarter. To calculate a final semester grade, 80% is taken from the semester cumulative and 20% from the final exam. **QUIZZES/TESTS** will be worth 50 and 100 points, respectively. Grades are updated weekly (average 2 grades/week). Grades on Google Classroom are exclusively for feedback. Official grades are in Infinite Campus. Please check grades regularly and email me if something looks awry.

Although we are not in class physically, the virtual classroom is still a place of high expectations and rigor. It is expected that students complete their work with effort and quality, as well as attend virtual class sessions; failure to complete assignments assigned during distance learning will negatively impact the student's grade. Students will have at least 48 hours to complete assignments. Most assignments will be due by the beginning of the following class period unless specified.

Homework Assignment Grading Scale

Homework assignments are worth 10 points. **5 points for submitting photo of handwritten work to Google Classroom** in addition to:

- 80-100% on Clever ~ 5 points
- 60-79% on Clever ~ 4 points on IC
- 1-59% on Clever ~ 3 points on IC

Assignments/ Late Work/Absences

Classwork/assignments will be assigned each session via Google Classroom following block scheduling. **Late work will NOT be accepted.** Any student who is absent/unable to participate virtually for any reason is responsible for contacting the teacher and completing make-up work upon returning to our virtual class. The student will receive the number of days absent to complete and turn in the work. Absent work not submitted within the given number of days will result in a zero for the assignment. Communicate your situation early and often so that I can make the best decisions for your educational needs.

Digital Resources

- Internet Access
- Personal electronic device (laptop, desktop, smart phone)
- School provided GSE account: gives access to GSuite Apps and Google Classroom (S+ID#@gse.cusd80.com)
- School provided Microsoft Outlook account: (S+ID#@cusd80.com)

If you have any difficulty procuring these materials, please let me know so that I can provide you with the resources you need.

Attendance

Per district guidelines, "Attendance is based on engagement, rather than minutes." A student who is not present for live instruction, but completes the assignments assigned during daily instruction will be marked "present." A student who attends live lessons, but does not complete the daily assignments, will also be marked "present." Students have 24-48 hours (until the next class meeting) to complete daily assignments. If a student does not attend live meetings AND does not complete the daily assignment will be marked "absent." please allow for 48 hours for attendance to be taken. This process is new for all of us and we appreciate your patience as we navigate the new procedures.

Promptness is a quality that is absolutely necessary for success in school and at work. Students are expected to be online at the start of class and remain an active participant for the allotted lesson/class hour when possible. It is expected that students attend and participate in

live instruction during their specified class hour or complete assignments daily. If there is any difficulty with attending class at the specified time or completing assignments in the allotted time frame, please contact me ahead of time. This attendance policy is subject to change.

Technology Requirements

- 1) **Google Classroom** is a necessary tool for online and in-person learning. We will be utilizing this Learning Management System regularly, especially during distance learning. It is essential that you understand this platform and its capabilities, in addition to the GSuite applications utilized through Google Classroom (Docs, Forms, Sheets, Slides, Gmail, etc.) Log in information will be provided to you at the start of the school year. Please keep your log-in information in a readily accessible, yet secure, location. If you need help with understanding the functionality of the platform, please see the help desk here: <https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/?hl=en#topic=9050121>
- 2) **SchoolCity** is an online assessment platform. Students will need their S+ID# and password for login. Some assessments may be performed through this platform. Announcements and dates of assessments will be listed in Google Classroom with a link to the assessment. Students will use a code provided through Google Classroom to access the assessment at the assigned time. If a student is unable to take the assessment during the assigned class period, please contact the teacher for a separate time and code to take the assessment.
- 3) **Clever.com** is the platform where you will complete your homework assignments each week. It is the online resource which has the Big Ideas textbook, assignments and even online tutors!
- 4) **Gmail** is used for communication through Google Classroom. Students have access to a school gmail account (S+ID#@gse.cusd80.com). Please check this email frequently for important information.

Synchronous Learning/ Google Meet

There will be opportunities for live lessons (synchronous learning) daily via Google Meet in Google Classroom. Students should log on to Google Classroom at the start of the assigned class hour and find the link to the Google Meet. It is expected that students do their best to be present during live instruction. Recorded lessons will be available for students who are unable to attend the live lessons during the assigned class hour.

RULES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR GOOGLE MEET:

1. Privacy: do NOT save, record, screenshot, photo, share, or post ANYTHING from our meeting. Do not invite anyone else or change the name.
2. Audio/Video: please MUTE your mic and TURN OFF your camera unless told to do otherwise. If you have questions, you may ask them in the chat feature, as long as they pertain to our lesson. If you have a private question, please email me. If you will be on camera for any reason, please adhere to school dress code guidelines.
3. Citizenship: follow all rules and expectations you would normally follow in school. This includes respect for others and following dress code if asked to be on screen. Inappropriate behavior, either visually or in messaging, will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action.
4. Chat feature: only use the chat feature to ask a lesson-pertinent question or when directed to do so. This is NOT the place to say hello to your friends or to post inappropriate comments.
5. Participate: turn off other distractions (music, Netflix, etc.) Pay attention. Stay focused. Participate!

Cheating/ Plagiarism

Any student caught cheating, including digitally or via social media, (giving or receiving answers/work) will receive a zero on the assignment. These infractions are taken **VERY** seriously and will not be tolerated. This includes texting someone answers and other forms of digital sharing. In accordance with the Perry Student Handbook:

“Copying the work of another person and submitting it as your own, obtaining unauthorized or undocumented material from the Internet or other sources, or securing teacher materials or work in a dishonest or unauthorized way are all considered cheating. Allowing another student to copy your work is considered cheating.”

Using unapproved internet sources during online quizzes, assignments, and assessments are also strictly prohibited.

First Offense: A zero on the assignment, a referral to the administration, possible ISS/OCS, contact home

Second Offense: The student will be dropped from the class with an “F”

Instructions for Enrollment in Remind

It is highly suggested that both students and parents/guardians sign up for these text message reminders. **Please find your specific class hour** and join our Remind class. CLASS NAME: algebra1 CLASS CODE: @2abfk6h