## Intermediate Algebra - Course Outline

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## Course Description

This course is designed for students who have passed the Algebra 1 and Geometry courses. The best preparation for further math courses and college success is a good foundation in algebra. This course will provide a solid foundation for those students who struggled in Algebra and will continue on to Algebra 2. The Intermediate Algebra course includes a full development of functions and their graphs, the exponential function, the logarithmic function, a review and extension of quadratics, complex numbers, and the real number system.

## Expectations

1) Be seated before the bell rings
2) Come to class prepared (bring notebook, pens/pencils, calculator, homework)
3) Be responsible for missed work (be able to contact a classmate) and exams

I expect that you will do everything that you can to make sure that you understand what you are learning. This means being focused and attentive in class, being willing to ask questions, and doing all homework and classwork. As mature young people, I also expect that each of you will be respectful to one another and to myself.

## Supplies

1) 3 ring binder with paper
2) Folder for Handouts
3) Pencil Case with pens, pencils, and/or highlighters
4) Graphing Calculator - TI-83, TI-83 Plus, TI-84, or TI-84 Plus

If a student is unable to purchase a calculator they may borrow one from the high school library. The student will be responsible for any damage and/or the loss or theft of the calculator.

## Grade Calculation

A student's grade for this course will be determined in the following manner:

1) Tests \& Quizzes ( $80 \%$ )

A quiz and test will be given for each unit of study.
2) Homework/participation (20\%)

Expect homework to be assigned daily. All assignments must be neatly written with the HW\# and date on it.


#### Abstract

Absences In the event of an absence, students are responsible to make up all classwork, homework, notes and exams. To avoid receiving a grade of zero, students are to make up missed test/quizzes in a timely manner contingent upon the number of days they were absent. Notes are saved to my One Drive which can be found on my Teacher Page. It is your responsibility to retrieve any missed work from there or from a classmate and meet with me for further understanding.

PLEASE NOTE: Any work missed due to an illegal absence will result in a grade of zero. Illegal absences and excessive lateness also result in a phone call to your parents/guardians and a Dean's Referral.


## Extra Help

Extra help will be given once a week. Day and time is yet to be determined.
Remember: Your success in this class relies entirely upon you! You have complete control of your grade. Make a strong commitment to yourself to be successful, ask questions, and come to extra help when you need it. I am here to help and support you. Be your own best advocate!

Name $\qquad$

Write a few things you'd like me to know about you.
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Name at least one thing you remember from your math class last year.
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What characteristics do you believe make a great teacher?
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Name one goal you'd like to achieve this year.
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Complete the following sentence.

I learn best when...

