

**Class Procedures:**

**Attendance:**

When absent, it is the student’s responsibility to obtain any missed class notes from a fellow student. Any missing assignments will be placed in the “While You Were Out” bin. ALL missed assignments must be completed within five days. If not, a grade of zero will be recorded. If you are missing work that is not in the bin, please fill out a BLUE SLIP and turn it in to the teacher.

**Hall Passes:**

Please be respectful of when and how you ask for a hall pass. Restroom passes will not be given during the first or last fifteen minutes of class, or during a quiz or test.

**Homework:**

Homework may be completed using pen or pencil. Homework will be checked daily. A homework grade will be given on a weekly basis. NO passes will be given for students to retrieve homework from their lockers. Homework is due at the beginning of class!

**Tests:**

All tests will be taken online through IA. Students will be allowed to retake one test in a nine week period in order to improve their grade. They must complete a “Request to Retest” form and will be required to follow the directions on that form. More information will be given in the first few days of school.

**Grading:**

*Total Classwork Grade:*

Tests 55%

Daily Points 30%

Homework 15%

*Nine Weeks Grade:*

Total Classwork Grade

80%

Nine Weeks Exam

20%

*Final Semester Grade:*

The average of the two nine weeks grades

**Materials:**

Pencils, Folder, Notebook paper, Composition book or spiral notebook

**Calculators:**

The commonwealth of Virginia has provided a TI-84+ CE Graphing Calculator for each student to use in the classroom. The calculator is a wonderful tool to enhance learning. Each student will be assigned to a particular numbered calculator and sign for it. The student will be responsible for its care, proper use, and returning it before leaving the class each day. If there is any misuse or failure to return a calculator, the replacement cost is $99.00. If your student has his/her own graphing calculator, he/she should use it AT HOME to enhance mathematical learning, but he/she will NOT be permitted to use it in class.

**Course Description:**

These standards require students to use algebra as a tool for representing and solving a variety of practical problems. Tables and graphs will be used to interpret algebraic expressions, equations, and inequalities and to analyze behaviors of functions. Graphing calculators, computers, and other appropriate technology tools will be used to assist in teaching and learning. Graphing utilities *enhance* the understanding of functions; they provide a powerful tool for solving and *verifying* solutions to equations and inequalities. Throughout the course, students will be encouraged to engage in discourse about mathematics with teachers and other students, use the language and symbols of mathematics in representations and communication, discuss problems and problem solving, and develop confidence in themselves as mathematics students. Algebra I students must take an end-of-course Standards of Learning test. High school credit is awarded and the grade becomes a part of the high school Grade Point Average (GPA).

**Standards of Learning:**

The standards of learning can be found at the Virginia Department of Education website: <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/>. Students will be expected to take and pass the SOL test at the end of the semester in Algebra I. Passing the Algebra I SOL test is a requirement for graduation.

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