

## Algebra Companion Course Syllabus

2013 – 2014

Mr. Aguirre, Instructor

### Class Description:

The SLHS Companion Math Class was developed to help the student succeed in their Algebra 1 classes. The class is meant to help support the students during the school day by reinforcing concepts taught in Algebra 1.

### Class Expectations:

- Students must keep an organized folder in class. This will be provided by me. This will help students to learn organizational skills needed for success in any class. This cannot be shared with other subjects as it will be kept in class not taken home.
- Students will be responsible for taking notes and completing assignments.
- Participation in class is essential, especially since there will be no homework assigned. Most of what we will be doing is in class practice and activities. It is very important you come with an open mind and try your best.
- We will be using an online resource called IXL in the computer labs at least once a week. You will have access to this resource outside of school on any computer that is internet capable.

### Rules of the Class:

These rules are in place to help provide a healthy learning environment for everyone.

- **BE ON TIME!** When the bell rings, you need to be sitting down at your desk.
- **PREPARE YOURSELF FOR LEARNING!** Come to class willing to learn.
- **SHOW RESPECT!** Respect everyone and everything in the classroom.
- **NO ELECTRONICS!** No, not even calculators.
- All school rules will be enforced in my classroom. Please review these in the student handbook, they are also posted on the classroom walls.

### Consequences:

The classroom rules are in place to help provide a healthy learning environment for everyone. Therefore consequences will **generally** be given along the following guidelines.

Behavior:	Electronics:
1 <sup>st</sup> Offense = Verbal Warning	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense = Confiscation until the end of the day. You may retrieve it in the main office.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense = Verbal Warning	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense = 5 min. detention	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense = Confiscation until the end of the day. It can only be retrieved by a parent or guardian.
4 <sup>th</sup> Offense = 10 min. detention	
5 <sup>th</sup> Offense = Referral to office	

### **Grading Scale:**

A Range	90 – 100%
B Range	80 – 89%
C Range	70 – 79%
D Range	60 – 69%
F Range	0 – 59%

### **Percentage Breakdown:**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>
60% - Binder work. This includes warm ups, notes, and practice worksheets. 30% - IXL Lab Assessments 10% - Semester Final  The focus of 1 <sup>st</sup> semester is teaching students organizational skills. Because of this the majority of your grade will be based off of your binder.	40% - Warm Ups, Notes, Practice Worksheets 50% - IXL Lab Assessments 10% - Semester Final  The focus of 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester will be on assessments. This is why the majority of your grade will be assessments.

### **Materials:**

- **Pencil and eraser** (Mistakes are a part of learning, erasing pencil is always better than scribbling out in pen)
- **College ruled** lined paper and graph paper.
- All other materials will be provided by Mr. Aguirre.

### **Contact Info:**

Your parent(s)/guardian(s) is/are welcome to contact me anytime if they have any questions or concerns. I will do my best to respond to any voicemails or emails within 48 hours.

My best method of contact is email but phone calls are welcome also.

Phone: (510) 618 – 4600 Ext. 2251  
Email: [aaguirre@sanleandro.k12.ca.us](mailto:aaguirre@sanleandro.k12.ca.us)

I'm looking forward to a fun and educational year at this new campus. If you or your parents have any questions at any time, please feel free to ask me. On the following page you will find a place for your signature and your parent/guardian's signature. This is your 1<sup>st</sup> assignment in my class. Please have it filled out and back to me by tomorrow.

**Please detach, complete and return to Mr. Aguirre.**

Print Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name(s) of parent(s)/guardian(s)

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I have read and understand the syllabus and what is expected of a student in Mr. Aguirre's Algebra Companion class at San Leandro High School.

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Phone #'s

(Please give whatever numbers you don't mind me calling you at and indicate if it is your work, cell etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Email

What is your preferred method of contact?

Home Phone    Work Phone    Cell Phone    Email

Please write any questions, concerns, or comments you have in the space below and I will try and answer them in a timely manner.