

Algebra 2 Course Syllabus

Welcome to Algebra 2. This is a continuation of Algebra 1, where the material you learned in Algebra 1 will be enhanced and new ideas will be introduced. We are looking forward to a great year.

Materials needed for class everyday are:

- 3 Ring Binder (1 inch min) with 4 sections for Classwork, Homework, Assessments, Toolkit
- Hole-punched lined paper and graph paper (for use in binder)
- TI-84 Graphing Calculator
- Pencils and erasers

Students will not be permitted to go to their lockers during class.

Textbook

This course uses the CPM Core Connections textbook. Resources are available online from the textbook manufacturer at <http://www.cpm.org/>. Students will receive a username and password to access the textbook online. There is a Student Support, Homework Help, and Parent Support section of the website.

Calculators

Students are required to have a graphing calculator for this course. A TI-83, TI-83 Plus, TI-84, or TI-84 plus can be used in this course. Students need to engrave their name on the back of the calculator. Students are not permitted to use the TI – 89's or any calculators equipped with a Computer Algebra System (CAS) are not allowed for this course.

Homework Policy

Homework will be randomly checked for completeness.

- All work must be shown, and an understanding of the material must be clearly presented. Any homework problem you are having difficulty with, must have your question or concern written out underneath the problem.
- Periodically homework may be collected and checked for accuracy.
- Homework quizzes may be given.

Grading

- 55% - Tests
 - Students earning less than a 75% on a unit exam are eligible for a retake within two weeks of receiving their exam, provided that they
 - Complete Test Corrections
 - Review the exam with math teacher
 - Received tutoring from a math teacher, STARS tutor, or private tutor
 - Completed Retake Form
 - Students will receive the higher of the two exams, not to exceed a 75% maximum
- 35% - Quizzes, Projects, and Graded Assignments
- 10% - Homework, Classwork, and Assignments that are checked for completion only

Final Course Grade:

Marking Period 1:	20%
Marking Period 2:	20%
Midterm Exam	10%
Marking Period 3	20%
Marking Period 4	20%
Final Exam	10%

District Exams:

This course will have a district wide midterm and final exam. The midterm will cover the first half of the year, and the final exam will cumulative for the entire year.

Absences

It is YOUR responsibility to get **notes and information from a classmate** when you are absent and to **complete and hand in all make-up work on time**. You have as many days as you were absent to make up missed work, with the following exceptions:

- a. If you are only absent one day, and it happens to be *the day before a quiz/test*, you will take the assessment as scheduled the next school day (your first day back to school).
- b. If you are only absent one day, and it happens to be *the day of a quiz/test*, you will take the assessment the very next school day (your first day back to school).

Expectations

It is important that a learning environment is established in our room. Therefore there are a few things that we will be expecting from you.

- **Punctual.** When the bell rings, **you are in your assigned seat**, beginning the classwork.
- Cell phones must be turned off upon entering the classroom (You may NOT use your cell phone or ipod as a calculator). No iPods, hats, water bottles, food etc. without permission. This is a school rule.
- Positive attitude and good behavior.
- Only work within your group, unless instructed otherwise.
- Be prepared for class with your notebook, text book, calculator and any other materials you will need for the class.
- Everyone in the room is treated with equal respect.

Discipline

Discipline problems will not be tolerated. If any student is interfering with the learning of another student, an administrator will be called and the student will be removed from the classroom.

Teacher Contact Information:

- Email is the best way to reach me: malmeida@wsdweb.org
- Homework Website: <http://www.mralmeida.org>
- Parents may also call me at 215-619-8112 extension 8711. Since I am with students most of the day, email is the best way to reach me.
- Parents and students are encouraged to follow the student's grade on Sapphire.
<https://wsdweb-sapphire.k12system.com/CommunityWebPortal/Welcome.cfm>

Parent/Student Sign Off Sheet

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you so much for taking the time to read the information. Please complete the bottom portion of this sheet and return it to your child. Feel free to contact us if you have any question, concerns, or simply would like to let us know a little bit about your child. You may send in a note or send me an email.

**Email address: malmeida@wsdweb.org

**Phone: 215-619-8112 ext: 8711

We look forward to a great year.

Sincerely,
Mark Almeida

Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

I have read the Algebra 2 Guidelines and I am aware of how the course will be conducted throughout the year.

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Phone number where parent can be reached during the school day: _____

Parent email address: _____