

Algebra II with Ms. Rosales

Grades & Classroom Policies

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Welcome to Algebra II! Algebra II is the third Mathematics course in the College Preparatory Mathematics Sequence. Students must have a C or better in Algebra I to enroll in Algebra II. This course covers Linear Functions, Linear Systems, Quadratic Functions, Polynomial Functions Exponential and Logarithmic Functions, Rational and Radical Functions, Properties and Attributes of Functions, Conic Sections, Probability and Statistics, Sequences and Series, Trigonometric Functions, and Introduction to the Unit Circle. Students will use and apply the skills they learned in Algebra I with the goal of becoming fluent in most of those skills as they apply them daily on the new material we cover in Algebra II. Algebra II is a challenging course that requires daily effort and high concentration to master. Chances are, we will be doing something new every single class. **You will need to put more effort into this class than previous math courses. You will be remembering old skills and applying them to new skills.** It's an awful lot of work, but you can do it!

GRADES:

64% Tests & Projects

16% Homework, Class-work & Participation

20% Semester Final Exam

I do not grade on the curve. I am delighted when the class average is "A. I provide updated grades via the Aeries portal. **It will be up to you to let me know if I have made an error in entering a score for you.** There should be no surprises when report cards come out.

HOMEWORK:

There is homework every day, including Friday. Homework will be checked for completeness and accuracy every day. **Write the problem from the book and Show ALL your work.** I need to see that you attempted the problem. A list of answers counts as a zero. Homework is assigned daily and is expected to be completed by the next class meeting. Late homework will earn a maximum of 50% of the original score and will not be accepted after the unit exam. Copying another student's homework form a picture or their original is considered cheating and **both assignments will receive a score of zero.**

TEST SCORE IMPROVEMENT:

Up to one test per semester may be reworked. Tests scores below 80% are eligible for improvement. Students may earn up to one half of the lost points by working through their missed problems, then retesting in front of me at lunch. Test score improvements are available to students with no missing assignments.

MISSED CLASS:

When you miss class for a sport, field trip, sickness, or other: you are responsible for the missed notes, assignments and or exams. Missed assignments are due the next class period unless you were ill, then you may have an extra day.

AERIES LOGIN:

Your family is required to maintain and regularly check your aeries gradebook for this class.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Cell phones, mp3 players, and any other music players are **not** allowed in class. If necessary, I will collect and keep your electronic device in my desk until the next regularly scheduled class period. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

TESTS & QUIZZES:

Expect regular warm-up exercises/quizzes. These may sometimes be completed in groups or pairs. Chapter tests will occur every two or three weeks. If you happen to miss one of these, it is your responsibility to take the test as discussed below.

- The window for retakes of that specific test must occur from when the test was returned, to when the next (unit/chapter) test occurs. The goal is to have students reflect on that material in a short period to master that content since most algebraic skills and concepts build on top of one another.
- All retakes and absent tests will occur every **Thursday** at lunch. This is the set day for all students (Algebra II and AP Calculus AB) to come and have their respective test administered by a teacher. (location of test and teacher is subject to change weekly) ** Absent for a test? You MUST take the test by the closest coming Thursday of after your return to class) Example: test on Monday but absent, return to class on Wed, then you're test time is Thursday of that week. This day (Thursday) is to take priority over all other meetings as it is your responsibility since you've missed the scheduled test date.**
- Only excused absences will be allowed to turn in homework, take tests, and earn any missed credit from that day without penalty. Unexcused absences will receive a 0 for any work due, assigned, or given for that day. You and your parent are responsible for getting that absence taken care of with Attendance.
- If absent on test day, you will be given a different version of the test that is of equal rigor. It is not advised to miss class on the day of an exam.
- HARD cutoff deadline for any missed/late/absent work will be strictly enforced to the original date of the unit/chapter test. Any work not turned in will automatically result in a 0.
- Tests administration norms: All cell phones will be collected on the day of exams and returned once all tests have been turned in.
- All tests are secured. These tests are used by the members of the WHS Math Department so a level of security is maintained year round. Tests will remain in class and can be viewed upon student request before class, break, lunch, or after class as long as I am present in class.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Students who cheat while taking a test or have access to test information from friends in other classes will receive a zero for that test and will not have the opportunity to retake the test. The student will receive a referral to Administration for possible expulsion, suspension or being dropped from the class.

- If caught cheating on a test there will be no possibility to use your 1 retake or Final exam replacement for that specific test, it will remain a 0.
- If caught cheating on a test/quiz any extra credit that is offered to the class will NOT be offered/possible for you to earn from the moment of the violation to the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Students caught cheating on homework, including copying another student's homework, will earn a score of zero for both students.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED FOR CLASS EACH DAY:

A Scientific calculator (NOT YOUR PHONE)

A Binder– This should be a 3-ring binder, with enough paper in it for you to do about 5 pages of work per class period. You will use this for note taking, homework, and in-class exercises.