**Algebra I**

**Teacher Information**

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**Algebra I Objectives**

1. Understand and solve algebraic expressions, including polynomials, quadratic equations, and inequalities
2. Graph solutions to expressions either on number line or Cartesian plane
3. Manipulate equations by rearranging, factoring, or substituting
4. Understand the role and importance of math in the Christian’s life

**Class Materials**

* Etextbook-Algebra 1 (3rd ed.)
* Pencil
* Notebook
* Loose leaf paper (for homework)

**Homework Policies**

 Homework is due at the beginning of the hour and will be collected and graded by the teacher. Students may turn in corrections of the problems they missed for half credit as long as the corrections are turned in at the beginning of the next day’s math class. Half credit will only be given for corrections with work fully shown; answers alone will not receive any credit. If the student does not turn in corrections by the next day, the grade stands as originally recorded. Students have the same number of days after returning to school from an absence to make up any homework and turn it in to the teacher. Homework can be turned in one day late; however, a 25% penalty will be imposed.

**Notebook Policies**

Students are expected to take notes during the class hour. These notes will be checked at the end of each chapter for a grade. Examples from class, relevant formulas, and definitions should be included in the notebook.

**Test Policies**

Tests will usually be given at the end of each chapter. Students should expect 20-30 questions. Students will have one day to make up the test after an absence and the makeup test will be taken during class. If students are absent the day before the test, they will be required to take the test on the date assigned.

**Cheating/Plagiarizing**

Any attempt to take or copy the work of others and present it as your own constitutes plagiarism or cheating. Homework should be completed on your own with any help coming from parents or Mr. Sherwin. Students should expect to receive a zero on any assignment they cheated on as well as possible demerits or detention.

**Class Policies**

* Respect the teacher
	+ Listen attentively and take notes as the teacher teaches
	+ Respect the teacher’s time by being in your seat when the bell rings
	+ Be quiet when the teacher is speaking and wait to speak until the teacher calls on you
	+ Wait for the teacher (not the bell) to dismiss the class
	+ Complete assignments neatly and on time
* Respect others
	+ Listen quietly as others ask questions
	+ Don’t provide distractions that would hinder others from learning
	+ Leave other people and their possessions alone
	+ Respect other classmates time by being in your seat and ready to learn when the bell rings
* Respect yourself
	+ Do not hurt your conscience by cheating
	+ Seek to learn as much as you can from this class
	+ Understand the logic and thinking behind math instead of just following steps blindly
	+ Complete all assignments to the best of your ability

Failure to follow these class policies may result in verbal warnings, demerits, call/email to parents, detention, or referral to the office. Chromebooks are for educational purposes in classes only. The school has equipped each student computer with GoGuardian classroom to encourage accountability for each student to keep on task. If a student is found working on non-class related items, he will be given consequences according with the severity and regularity of the occurrence.

**Assignment Values**

Tests 45%

 Quizzes 20%

 Homework 30%

 Notes 5%

**Parent Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**