

Syllabus

COURSE: Pre-Algebra, Grade 9, 5 units

Textbook: Pre-Algebra ISBN: 0-07-821223-5

SEMESTER: Fall 2009

TIME/PLACE: Monday 10:30 to 12:00 at Bonanza and 9:00 to 10:30 at Excelsior

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REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Lined paper
- Graph paper
- Ruler
- Binder (with dividers)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Pre-Algebra is the foundation that students need for all further math courses.

Topic include:

- Adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing positive and negative numbers
- Fractions, decimals, and percents
- Exponents
- The order of operations
- The distributive property
- Algebraic expressions
- Solving simple equations
- Linear equations
- Proportions
- Basic Geometry

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Bring book and binder to class each day.
2. Be respectful of the classroom environment. Be quiet during lessons and raise your hand to ask or answer questions. Keep noise to a reasonable level during group work.
3. Be patient. Learning algebra takes practice and perseverance

GRADES: The final course grade is a weighted average with the following components:

Attendance, classwork, and participation	20%
Homework	30%
Quizzes	20%
Tests	30 %

NOTES ABOUT HOMEWORK:

- 1) Because we have only two class meetings per week, homework will be more important than with a traditional schedule.
- 2) Homework will be assigned on a per class basis. Students will be expected to write the assignments in their planners.
- 3) The following heading must be placed on the top-right corner of each assignment

Name
Date
Subject
Assignment
Assigned Instructor

GRADING SCALE:

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