

CHILES HIGH SCHOOL 2019-2020
ALGEBRA 1 SYLLABUS
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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course provides students with the foundation for more advanced mathematics courses and enables them to develop the skills they need to solve mathematical problems. Course content includes variables, real number systems, equations and inequalities, relations and functions, graphs, rational and irrational numbers, factoring, introductory statistics, and radicals. Students must pass the end-of-course exam to earn credit. (Textbook: Algebra 1: Pearson Education Inc., 2015.)

QUARTER GRADE:

75% ASSESSMENTStests, quizzes, special projects
25% ASSIGNMENTSclass group/individual assignments, homework, labs

ASSESSMENTS: A mid-term and an EOC exam will be administered. A passing score on the EOC is required to receive credit for the course. Tests and quizzes will be given to monitor progress. Any missed quiz will be replaced with the chapter test score. All tests will be made up promptly at a date and time agreed upon by the student and myself. Skipping a test will result in an automatic zero! All tests are to be taken in pencil only. Tests not done in pencil will lose 5 points credit. **QUIZZES:** Quizzes will be frequent and at times unannounced. Each quiz may include material from the first day of the semester to the current day. Quizzes missed due to unexcused tardiness or an unexcused absence will receive a zero. Quizzes not done in pencil will receive a grade of "0". Pencils must be put away and not visible during grading or a student will be given a "0" for the day's quiz.

ASSIGNMENTS: All homework should be completed by the beginning of the following class meeting and will be collected periodically for credit. No credit will be given for answers only. All work must be shown to receive credit. Homework may be graded for completeness and/or correctness. **ZEROS WILL BE GIVEN** if a student does not make up an assignment or assessment within the time window and it is late. **Late assignments will not be accepted for a grade.** A zero is also given if a student has an unexcused absence/skipped class for the day of the assignment.

COLLABORATIVE/COOPERATIVE GROUPS: Cooperative group activities will occur occasionally and be graded as class work. A student needs to be present in class to receive full credit.

NOTEBOOK/PORTFOLIO: Students are required to maintain a 3-RING math notebook containing all class notes, homework, classwork and assessments. A class maintained portfolio will be updated periodically by the student.

MATERIALS: Materials needed for class each day should be taken out of book bags so book bags will not need to be accessed during class time. Students should bring the following items to class each day: textbook, 3 ring binder organized for work with lined and graph paper, highlighter, post its, colored pencils, pencils or pens, A scientific calculator will be utilized at times for portions of the course. Students are not allowed to utilize a calculator until notified by the teacher.

ABSENCES AND MAKE UP WORK: The student bears the responsibility of promptly making up missed assignments and assessments. Make up assignments and assessments are defined as assignments or assessments collected on a day the student is not present or was absent for the period of time when it was assigned. They must be made up no later than the total number of days absent plus one for any absence that is excused within 5 days of that absence. Students should sign up for Edmodo and Remind to access their class information daily. In general, I review the day prior to a test with no new material being introduced that day. Students missing the day before a test will test with the class.

HALL PASS POLICY: You are allowed 3 hall passes every nine weeks. If you plan to use one please **use it before or after the lesson.** If you MUST use the restroom during class, do not interrupt the lesson to do so. Wait for an opportune time to signal me and then quietly sign out on the "Out of Class" log. Take the BATHROOM HALL pass with you. A completed log entry should show the time you left, destination and your return time.

TARDY POLICY: The Chiles High School tardy policy will be enforced. A student is tardy if they are not in the classroom before the tardy bell rings. Late to class more than 10 minutes counts as an absence. Consequences: **1st Tardy** = Verbal Warning, **2nd Tardy** = Detention & Parent Phone Call, **3rd Tardy** = Discipline Referral, resulting in Saturday School, **4th Tardy** = Discipline Referral, resulting in a Saturday School and equaling an absence. Student must bring a signed "excused" Tardy pass from the OFFICE for a tardy to be excused.

CELL PHONE/SMART WATCH POLICY: Cell phones and smart watches should be turned off and placed in your bookbags before entering the classroom. No cell phone/smart watch use is permitted during class. Consequences if you have your phone out during class: **1st offense** – warning and you must put your phone away. **2nd offense**- Your cell phone will be confiscated and you may pick it up from me at the end of class. **3rd offense**- Your cell phone will be confiscated and your parent may pick it up in the front office at the end of the school day. Any further offenses may warrant further consequences issued by administration.

CLASS RULES:

1. Be prepared for class by bringing book and supplies.
2. No gum chewing, food or drink allowed in the classroom with the exception of water.
3. Respect all property in the classroom. Do not write on desks, texts or walls and pick up around yours desks before leaving.
4. Students are to show courtesy to their fellow students and teachers.
5. All **CELL** phones/SMART watches are to be turned off and put away in backpack or purse (no phones in pockets)
6. All school rules and other rules as described in the Student Handbook are in effect.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES:

1. Students are to sharpen pencils, be in their seats prepared to work, have homework out to be checked at the start of class.
2. Students are to raise their hand and wait to be called upon before answering a question or adding input into the lesson.
3. Students are not to change their assigned seat without prior approval of their teacher.
4. Students are to remain in their assigned seats until the bell rings or their teacher dismisses them.
5. When working in group's students are to follow the posted rules for cooperative groups.

CHEATING:

Cheating is unacceptable! The perpetrator will receive an immediate referral and parents will be contacted!

Cheating occurs when:

1. You copy or look at someone's answers to a test or you have someone take a test for you.
2. You copy someone's homework or have your parents, friends, or siblings do your homework for you.
3. You ask your friends simply for the answers to an assignment.
4. You ask others what questions were on a test that you have not yet taken.
5. You have someone write an essay for you.
6. You copy and paste information from an Internet site onto your essay without citing it as a source.

To minimize the opportunity to cheat during testing situations, the following testing policy will be in effect.

1. Cell phones must be turned OFF and PUT AWAY in a backpack or bag...
2. All BACKPACKS and BAGS must be closed and placed on the back of the classroom or side wall.
3. If your phone is on your person, I will assume you are cheating!
4. No exceptions.

A student's choice to not meet our classroom rules and procedures may result in:

- 1) *Warning* 2) *Teacher/Student Conference* 3) *Parent Contact by email or call*
4) *Lunch Detention* 5) *Referral*

STUDENS AND PARENTS:

- 1) *Access the FOCUS portal daily to keep up with your grades in this course.*
- 2) *Sign up for Edmodo and access Edmodo for any class information.*
- 3) *Sign up for Remind and check when applicable.*
- 4) *Sign and date both copies of this syllabus. Keep one copy for yourself and turn one into your teacher.*
*****. Please feel free to call or email me as often as you want. E-mail: jacobsonj@leonschools.net.

Print Name _____ Student Signature _____

Period _____ Date _____ Parent Signature _____

