

# Welcome to Pre-Algebra

2014-2015 Syllabus  
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## Daily supplies:

- 1 or 2 inch 3-ring binder with 5 dividers
- Textbook, will be provided
- Loose leaf paper for notes, homework, warm-ups, etc.
- Pencils, erasers, blue/black ink pen, highlighters
- TI-Nspire

## Grading:

For this course I have applied the following grading procedure:

<b>Quizzes and/or Chapter Tests</b>	<b>-- 60%</b>
<b>Homework Assignments</b>	<b>-- 20%</b>
<b>Classwork/Class Participation/Attendance</b>	<b>-- 20%</b>

- Many **quizzes** will be given throughout each quarter and **chapter tests** will focus on key topics from the book discussed in class.
- **Homework assignments** are given every night and generally will involve applying learned topics for 20-30 minutes. Homework will be worth 2 points each. 10 points a week for a total of 100 points for the quarter, 20% of this total will count toward quarterly grade. Late or unfinished work can never receive full credit.
- Each student should have the day's assignment written in his or her planner, and choosing a "study buddy" in the same class is recommended.
- **Full credit work must be completed in pencil in this class unless otherwise noted.**
- Your book and folder must be kept organized and complete; it will be a part of your quarterly grade.
- Midterms will be given in January and the Final will be in June

## Attendance:

It is your responsibility to get assignments and class notes you have missed. If you have a legal absence, you have one additional day to complete and turn in any missed work. If you miss class but are present in school that day, you **MUST** see me to get missed notes/homework. Missed tests must be completed a.s.a.p., but no later than one week from your absence.

**As your Pre-Algebra teacher, I expect that you will:**

- Come to class on time, prepared, and ready to learn with a positive attitude
- Be respectful of everyone in your class
- Ask questions when you do not understand the material
- Complete assignments on time and with 100% effort
- Accept full responsibility for missed work when absent
- If you need extra help, see Mr. Pohman to make arrangements

**As my Pre-Algebra student, you can expect that I will:**

- Treat all students fairly with respect and kindness
- Arrange for you to get extra help if needed
- Be patient, understanding, and always willing to answer your questions

**Guidelines Agreement**

The following guidelines will help me to be successful in Algebra 2/Trigonometry:

- I must be to class on time
- I must be prepared and ready to learn everyday
- I must stay in my seat and focus on the lesson
- I must by courteous and respectful

I understand that these consequences will follow if I disregard the classroom guidelines:

- Verbal warning
- Teacher & Student conference
- Parent/Guardian phone call/email
- Referral to Assistant Principal's Office

Please complete and return the accompanying contact form.