

# Algebra 1 Syllabus 2019-20

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## *Course Description*

This course focuses on the study of the real number system, linear equations, functions, data analysis, systems of linear equations and inequalities, exponents, radical, absolute value, factor patterns, and the solutions of linear and quadratic equations.

Successful completion of 8<sup>th</sup> grade mathematics is required for enrollment in this course.

## *Class Materials*

It is vital to the learning experience that students have their supplies each day. Each of the following should be taken to class each day:

- Pencil
- Notebook
- Paper
- Calculator (TI-30 or other scientific calculator)

A textbook will be available to be loaned to each student for the school year. Homework assignments will be accepted only when written in pencil.

## *Grading Policies*

Semester grades are comprised of the following three categories and their corresponding weights:

**Homework (10%):** Homework will be assigned most class periods and will be due the following class meeting unless notified otherwise. Homework will be completed in pencil, showing all work, and turned in on time. Homework is graded for completion, not on correct answers. Homework turned in more than 1 day late will be given half credit.

Projects/Activities (10%): Any projects or assignments that do not fit within the homework or quiz category. These will be assigned periodically throughout the year.

Quizzes (20%): Quizzes will be given frequently. The format for these will vary, but they will always be a check for understanding of the topic covered in class.

Semester Final (10%): Each semester will conclude with a cumulative final exam.

Unit Exams (50%): Exams will be given at the conclusion of each unit of study. These will be an opportunity for students to demonstrate the skills they have learned and are the truest test of what a student has learned. For that reason, they are the most heavily weighted part of the student's grade.

Test retakes will be offered for most tests. In order to be eligible for a retake, the student must complete an extra review activity (determined by instructor) and complete the new test within two weeks of the original. The 2<sup>nd</sup> test score will replace the score from the 1<sup>st</sup> regardless of results.

Deadlines for make-up work: All homework assignments and quizzes must be completed before the exam for that unit. Any assignments not turned in by test day will be recorded as zeroes.

Remind Notifications: To sign up for class notifications, send a text to 81010 with the message "@haila1" to receive pertinent info. Students and parents are welcome to sign up for this service. If email notifications are preferred, go to <http://rmd.at/haila1> to sign up.

### *Extra Assistance Opportunities*

At Olathe South, we want students to have every opportunity possible for them to be successful. For this reason, there are many times for students to come in for extra assistance including:

Seminar- Thursday block days

Falcon 50- during lunch on most days

Office Hours- 7:30-7:55 on M, T, W, and F and 3:00-3:30 each day

It is recommended that students check with their instructor before coming in before or after school to ensure availability. Students should not hesitate to ask for extra help if they are having difficulty.