

GPS Algebra Class Syllabus

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Course Description

GPS Algebra is a course designed to give the student an introduction to and an understanding of mathematical concepts including parent graphs and transformations, polynomials, radicals, factoring, rational functions, complex numbers, exponential functions, quadratic functions, probability, and statistics.

Required DAILY Materials

- Notebook or Section of a Binder
- Pencils and Erasers
- Textbook (Notetaking Guide)
- Calculator
- Dry Erase Marker(s)
- Graph Paper

Grade Distribution

Assessment of Standards	50%
Cumulative Assessments	20%
Performance Based Activities	10%
EOCT	20%

Grading Scale

A	90 – 100%
B	80 – 89%
C	74 – 79%
D	70 – 73%
F	Below 70%

Attendance/Make-up Work

It is your responsibility to attend class each day. If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to complete your make-up work. Skipping class is not tolerated, and no assignments may be made up due to skipping.

Late Work

Late work will only be accepted until the end of unit exam. For example, if a child misses a Unit 2 homework assignment, they may turn in that assignment any day up until the date of the Unit 2 Assessment for full credit.

Class Discipline

Disrespect for either the teacher or fellow students, cheating, and any form of disruption will not be tolerated in this class. Detention and/or referral to an administrator are possible consequences of such behavior. Cheating will not be tolerated and will result in an automatic zero for the assigned activity. Any cheating will result in a call home and possible parent conference.

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Classroom Procedures

Cell phones are not permitted. They may remain in a bookbag or purse, but they must be turned off during class time. CD/Audio devices will be permitted in class, but only at specified times. These devices are not mandatory and their security cannot be guaranteed in the classroom...so bring these at your own risk. If an audio device or cell phone is lost during a class period, the teacher and school will not be held accountable.

Detention will be held every Tuesday morning from 7:45 – 8:15 am and every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 – 4:00. Detention will be assigned for poor behavior, cheating, or for being tardy to class.

Parent Contacts:

Pinnacle will be updated on a daily basis so that parents can view their child's progress in class. Calls will be made to parents if unacceptable classroom behavior is seen.

Office Hours

I offer Algebra tutoring will be every Monday morning at 7:30 am in Room 1209. Additional arrangements can be made either before or after school if you need help. Please make arrangements at least 24 hours in advance.

Tardies/Hall Passes

Tardiness is unacceptable. Students are expected to be on time for school and class. Students will be required to obtain a tardy pass from the PPO Office before entering class if he/she is late. Administration will oversee penalties for tardiness according to the school policy set forth in the student handbook.

You must have your student ID in order to leave the classroom. You may not leave the room for any reason without your ID. You will be provided with 3 bathroom passes each semester. This means that you may only leave the room three times per semester-Use them wisely!

Grading Policies

Homework will be graded each day. You will receive a 0, 25, 50, 75, or 100. Zero will be given if no effort is made. A 25 will be given if you have attempted at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of the assignment. A 50 will be given if $\frac{1}{2}$ of the assignment is completed. A 75 will be given if the more than half, but not all, of the homework is completed. A 100 will be given if all homework problems have been completed. All homework problems must be rewritten AND all work must be shown in order to receive full credit.