

Marlboro High School

Algebra I * Ms. Schoonmaker * 2018 – 2019

High School Credit

- Algebra I is a course for which you will receive one high school credit upon successful completion. You will be expected to complete a substantial amount of work both in and out of the classroom in preparation for the Regents Exam. At the end of this course, you will take the Algebra I Regents Exam in June 2019. Earning a grade of 85% or higher on either of this exams will give you “mastery” status for the course.

Required Supplies

- **2-pocket folder** – To be used for Algebra 1 Common Core and your Algebra Fluency class.
- **Pencils / Highlighters (1) / Colored Pen (2 – any colors)**. Please make sure you keep your supply replenished throughout the school year.

Grades could be penalized for assignments that are not done either in pencil or erasable pen.

Class Expectations

- You are expected to be **ON TIME** for every class. Make sure you have a pass if you are going to be late, otherwise you will receive a cut slip.
- You are expected to come to class **prepared** each and every day!! I only ask that you bring your folder, utensils mentioned above, and a willingness to learn and do your best on a daily basis. If anything else is needed for a class, I will let you know ahead of time, or I will provide it myself.
- You are expected to attend class each day for the full period. You should only be leaving class in the case of an **emergency**. There is time for you to go to your locker and use the restroom between each class, and during your lunch period. When you do leave the classroom, you will need the pass and need to sign out

Grading Policy

Your grade for each quarter will be computed using a **Total Points** system. Each assignment, including homework, quizzes, projects, tests, etc. will all be worth a certain amount of points, and you will be able to earn up to that amount of points based on how you complete them. Here is an example of how this works:

Let's say we had the following assignments in a quarter:

Assignment	HW	Quiz	Test	HW	Test
Your Grade	$\frac{5}{5}$	$\frac{35}{40}$	$\frac{80}{100}$	$\frac{0}{5}$	$\frac{75}{100}$

In this case, you *could* have earned a total of $(5 + 40 + 100 + 5 + 100)$ or 250 points, and you *actually* earned $(5 + 35 + 80 + 0 + 75)$ or 195 points. To get your quarter grade, divide 195 by 250 and get .78, which means your grade is 78%. In computing your grade for the course at the end of the year, each of your four quarter grades will count for 20% (80% total), and your score on Final Assessments you take in June could count as part of your final grade.

- Any daily homework assignment that is checked will be worth 5 points. If you **thoughtfully** attempt every problem, you will receive 5 points. If your homework shows little to no effort (**even if “done”**), or is not done at all, you will receive 0 points. As these assignments are always checked and **gone over** during the next class period, zeros received due to not doing daily homework *cannot* be made up for credit.
- A “Problem of the Week” (POW) will be assigned most weeks, which will be used to prepare primarily for the Regents Exam to be given in June. POWs will be worth 10 – 40 points, and you will have 1 – 4 days to complete them, depending on how complex the problem(s) are. **Any POWs not completed on time will be given a zero**; and in most cases, cannot be made up.
- Quizzes will range in point value anywhere from 20 to 50 points. Grades earned on quizzes will stand and no quiz grades will be dropped. Only by teacher discretion and **very rarely** will quizzes be allowed to have corrections made to them.
- Tests will range in point value anywhere from 50 to 100 points and will usually come at the end of a unit or chapter. No test grades will be dropped, and again, only by teacher discretion and **very rarely**, will tests be allowed to have corrections made to them. Individual or group projects completed inside and/or outside of class may be used in place of a test for some units/chapters.
- **Extra credit opportunities** could be provided for all students periodically, small extra credit opportunities (usually up to 5 points) through class discussions, quiz review games, etc.
- **PARENTS Please Note:** Regarding failing tests/quizzes, I will not require students to have papers signed and returned to me indicating that you saw them. All grades for each quarter can be accessed through the School Tool Parent Portal. I will be sending grade sheets and progress reports home for your signature. Feel free to contact me, should you have any difficulty using the parent portal system, or if you have any questions.

Marlboro's Parent Portal: <https://st-mb.mhric.org/marlboro/>

Absences and Make-up Work

- When you are absent, it is **your responsibility** to find out what homework and notes you have missed. Homework assignments are posted on my website, along with some of the worksheets given out in class, so you may be able to get some of your work from home. In addition, all homework assignments include a QR Code that can be scanned with smart devices. This will bring students to a video of the lesson they missed and help with the homework assignment.
- You will be expected to turn in ANY homework that was due the day you were absent as soon as you return to school. For assignments assigned during an absence, you will have the number of days you were absent to complete the assignments. I will NOT track you down for missed HW ... if work missed during an absence is not made up AND BROUGHT TO ME, it will become a zero...RESPONSIBILITY ☺
- Tests and quizzes are always announced at least a few days ahead of time (with very rare exception), meaning that you will know about them more than a day in advance. If you are absent on the day of a test/quiz, I will expect you to make it up the day you return, or as soon as possible. In cases of prolonged absence, we will make arrangements for your make up work.
- **Band/Chorus Lessons / Sports etc.:** You MUST see me before missing a class. You cannot have another student tell me that you will not be in class. Not seeing me beforehand will result in a cut slip. Note that on test/quiz days you should not leave until you have finished the test/quiz or have made arrangements with me. Also, you will need to show me any work that is due BEFORE you leave, so I can give you credit, otherwise you will receive a zero. You will need to make up any work missed, as soon as possible.

Extra Help

- I am available for extra help during the day, before and / or after school. See me to make arrangements for extra help when needed.

My Website

- You can access my website through the Marlboro High School Faculty page at www.marlboroschools.org.
- Homework assignments will be posted on my website, along with some worksheets given out in class. Upcoming tests/quizzes, my after school help schedule and other important information will also be posted. In addition, your **GRADES** will be posted on the School Tool Parent Portal, which is accessible through a link on the district's home page.

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"Just a darn minute! — Yesterday
you said that X equals two!"