

Pre-Algebra (530.01, 530.02 & 530.03)
SYLLABUS

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Text Book: Glencoe Pre-Algebra

Course Description: This course is a general survey of pre-algebra topics, including signed numbers, simple equations and inequalities. Emphasis is also placed on building proficiency in computing with fractions, decimals and percentages. The course is designed to prepare the students for successful study of algebra. It is also for students who need to develop more than the minimum competency in math.

Materials needed:

1. Scientific calculator (TI30XIIS)
2. A spiral or ring binder notebook. All class notes, class work and homework will be done in this notebook. **Keep all tests, quizzes & handouts in the binder.**
3. Loose-leaf paper for quizzes and tests.
4. Pencils and erasers. All work must be done in pencil.
5. Graph papers and colored pencils

Homework: Homework will be given daily. It will be done in pencil on loose-leaf paper and kept in your binder. Will receive credit for Homework if a *genuine effort* (show some work) is made to solve the problems.

Class Rules:

Be on time. This means in your seat and ready to work, when the bell rings.

Be respectful. This refers to each other, me and the school property.

Be prepared. Have all the required materials needed in class.

Be aware of all other school rules and consequences. This is found in the Students' handbook.

Cheating is not tolerated and will be dealt with, according to the Students' handbook.

Discipline Procedures: Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for a high school classroom. Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated. Students who violate the rules will receive a petty misconduct.

Notebook/Binder: All class work, class-notes and homework must be kept in your binder. It is important for you to be able to study from your notes. Neatness and good organizations are essentials.

Quizzes: May be given at *any time*. They will cover homework and materials recently covered in class.

Tests: There will be 2 to 3 tests per quarter. These tests will be announced at least 2 days in advance.

Grading Procedures: All tests, quizzes and assignments will be graded on a point system and grades computed following grading standards in the handbook.

Semester Exam: There will be a cumulative semester exam given at the end of each semester. This exam will be discussed and outlined at a later time.

Absences: It is the student's responsibility to see me about make-up work/tests for excused absences. See handbook for guidelines.

Teacher Availability & Tutoring: I will be available to you for extra help on the following afternoons: Tues, Wed and Thurs from 3:15 to 4:00p.m @ Rm 219. If these times do not meet your schedule, we will find an alternate time. Mu Alpha Theta has a tutoring workshop for any student. Time and Location will be announced in class and will be posted in the school Web-site.

Suggestions:

- Be prepared! Bring all materials to class each day.
- Take good notes, particularly any examples worked out in class.
- Do your Homework daily.
- Ask for help on any HW that you do not understand.
- If you are having trouble, ***ask for help immediately!***