Northland Preparatory Academy
School Year 2021-2022

**Instructor: Dylan Brown
Algebra 1**

**Contact Information**: Email- dbrown@northlandprep.org

**Text**: Note Packets Based off Pearson: *Algebra 1: Common Core*

**Materials Needed**: Pencil, Notebook, paper, red pen, scientific/graphing calculator, ruler

**Grades**: Your grades will be calculated on a point-by-point basis. The actual exact point values may vary but the assignments will be approximately the following number of points:

**Tests**: 100 points

**Quizzes**: 30 points

**Daily quizzes when given**: 3-5 points

**Homework**: 3 points

**Projects/notebook checks/other**: points vary

**Grading Scale**: 90% to 100% A
 80% to 89.9% B

 70% to 79.9% C

 60% to 69.9% D

 Below 60% F

**Attendance**: It is imperative that you are present in class to be able to fully understand the material and be successful in my class. For this reason please plan vacations and other non-essential occasions during designated school holidays. It is the policy of NPA that **“Students missing 10% or more days per semester may lose credit or be withdrawn.”** This is roughly nine days per semester. Students that are absent for more than this number of days will be assessed on a case by case basis and may be asked to present a letter indicating the reason for the absences, which will influence whether credit will be awarded. If possible, students should look over the key to the notes before returning from an absence. This will make it easier to get caught up when the student returns.

**Athletes and Students in Clubs**: It is common for students who are absent due to extra curricular events to see a drastic change in their grades. For this reason, athletes must meet with me **before** their absence to determine what they will be missing and to make arrangements as to when homework will be due. Unless other plans are made before the absence students are expected to have missed notes copied, have all homework assignments completed by the due date, and to be prepared to take the daily quiz the day they return when applicable. Extra curricular activities are a privilege and students must work diligently to keep up on their studies.

**Infinite Campus:**

Grades will be updated on Infinite Campus in a timely manner. Students and parents are encouraged to monitor progress often to maintain a true understanding of the student’s progress in the class.

**Homework:**

You will be assigned homework nearly every class period and will usually be completed on the “MathXL for Schools” website. Homework will be due before the next Algebra I class. Students will be required to meet with me during lunch if missing assignments becomes a problem.

You will receive points for your homework partially based off the percentage of problems that you complete correctly and partially from turning in your work from the assigned problems at the end of the chapter. The awarded points are described below.

1% to 33% 🡪 1 point

34% to 66% 🡪 2 points

67% to 100% 🡪 3 points

 **AND**

1 point for each assignment that you turn in work for at the end of the chapter.

**Tests and Quizzes:**

Please, Please, Please be sure to be present on test and quiz days. It is very difficult for me to get tests and quizzes back in a timely fashion when I must wait on students taking assessments late.

Students who are absent on the day of a test or quiz will be expected to take the quiz within a reasonable amount of time. Test or quizzes missed due to an unexcused absence will result in a zero.

Missed daily quizzes will not be able to be retaken and will instead be excused.

It is my goal to help you develop good study skills as well as master the content we are covering. For this reason, you will have the opportunity to retake tests given that certain qualifying events take place. Any student that has completed all homework assignments for the chapter (including the reviews) will be able to retake all chapter tests. Students must meet with me to discuss their original test and the retake must be taken within one week of the original test being returned. The new grade will be the average of the two scores up to an 80%.

**Rules**:

 -Be courteous and respectful to others.

-Come prepared

-Make effective use of every minute of every class period

-No cell phones unless requested by teachers

-Cheating. If you are caught cheating, you will receive a zero for the assignment.

**\*\*I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MODIFY THIS SYLLABUS AS NEEDED\***

**Dear Parents,**

**My name is Dylan Brown and I will be your child’s math teacher. I am very excited to start this school year. I graduated from Northern Illinois University with a BSED in Mathematics and this is currently my 1st year at NPA. It brings me joy to be able to teach your children at this wonderful school.**

**Be assured that I will work diligently help your child develop a thorough understanding of the subject matter. In order for your child to thrive in their studies it is not only imperative that they are present in my class as much as possible, but also that they have a support system at home. Along with a structured “at home” educational extension it is very important for there to be a open line of communication between parents and teachers. For this reason, please do not hesitate to contact me with any question you have in regards to your child’s progress in my class.**

**I look forward to meeting you!**

**Please sign below stating that you read the attached syllabus.**

**Students Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Student’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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|  **Helpful hints as to how parents can** **ensure their student’s success.*** Encourage student to copy down notes when absent.
* Set a time each week to look over student’s grades on Infinite Campus with them.
* Encourage student to come in for help when needed.
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