



WELCOME TO MR. HICKMAN'S 2015-2016 ALGEBRA 2 CLASS!



I hope you are looking forward to an exciting year studying mathematics together! To help you adjust to this class, please read the following information and share it with your parents. *If you ever have any questions, please ASK!*

GRADING in this class is based on the points you have earned. Some things are worth more than others. For example, a quiz may be worth 80 points, a test worth 130 points, a homework check worth 12 points. The possible number of points varies with the grading period. **To find your percent average, add the total points you have earned so far and divide this by the total number of points you could have earned. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW TO DO THIS, PLEASE ASK FOR HELP!!!** This is a mathematics class and it is very important that you understand the mathematics used to determine your grade.



HOMework is **REQUIRED** and assigned almost every day. It should be kept in your notebook!

Homework is only considered finished when you have:



- 1) **Completed** the assignment neatly.
- 2) **Checked** the answers and indicated if they are correct or incorrect with a writing utensil that is NOT THE SAME TYPE/COLOR that you used to complete your homework. (Blue highlighters are not allowed for checking.)
- AND**
- 3) **Corrected/reworked** any mistakes you have made! If you are still having difficulties when you rework the problem(s), please let me know ASAP. Normal teacher hours are from 7:15 AM to 2:45 PM. However, I am frequently available outside of those times. Please check with me to make sure I will be here early or late on a given day.

You are **REQUIRED TO SHOW ALL of YOUR OWN WORK!** **NO WORK = NO CREDIT = NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Your homework grade is determined by several things including collected homework checks and homework problems (done in or out of class). **A homework check is given on assignments you have already done and had time to correct.** For a homework check, you will have a very limited amount of time to find and highlight given specific problems from your homework. Credit for checking/correcting homework will be given only if the entire assignment is completed and checked and no inaccuracies in checking are found. Be accurate, honest and stay organized! *Worked out solutions are available in class and if you would like a pdf of the text's worked out solutions, please provide your email address (on your 0.0 quiz) and, where possible, I will email them to you.*

EFFORT GRADES are earned daily. Typically, you can earn one point or two points a day. To earn your points, you must be prepared for class with all the proper materials (textbook, paper, pencils, assignment, notebook), on task throughout class, work cooperatively with your group, participate in class and complete all assigned work. If you are absent, to earn your effort point(s), you must show me that you have completed the work from that day (including notes, homework and any other activities completed in class). If you have not completed this in the given make-up work time, your point(s) will be lost.



ASSIGNMENTS and activities for the week are posted next to the door, posted on our class website and emailed home if you have given me your email address. If you are absent, **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to check the assignments and make sure you have mastered the material you missed. *Late assignments are NOT accepted!* In the event of an excused absence, you are allowed two days for every day of school missed to complete work. All make-up work must be completed by the conclusion of the grading period.

BEING ORGANIZED is important for your success. You are required to keep an organized and up to date algebra notebook and bring it with you to class each day:

- ✓ **Homework** (Completed? Checked with a different color than your homework was completed in? Corrected? Is all of **your own work** to justify answer(s) shown? Shows evidence of correction? Organized by date?)
- ✓ **Quizzes, Qu-Ests** (Organized by date? Corrected?)
- ✓ **Semester Expectations** (Up to date? Accurate?)
- ✓ **Notes** (Dated? Easy to read? Examples, notes and goals for each day included?)
- ✓ **Labs/Activities/Foldits** (Complete and organized by date?)



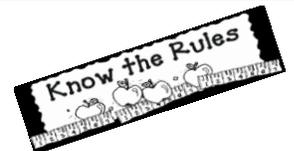
CALCULATORS? *You are required to bring your scientific, fraction capable calculator to class EVERY day.* I will instruct you *if and when* it may be used. Per school policy, cell phone calculators are not acceptable during class. You are NOT required to have a graphing calculator. When you need one in class, you will be provided with one. If you choose to purchase one, our math department suggests the TI-84 or TI-Nspire.

GRADE POSTING: Your grades are tracked and averaged using the District's Skyward program. Your family needs to have Skyward Family Access so you can see your most up to date grades. PLEASE frequently check your grades to make sure they have been accurately recorded.



Expectations & Rules

1. **TRY** YOUR BEST at HOME and IN CLASS!
2. ASK for help when you need it! (I will bend over backwards to help you, but I have to know if and when you want or need help! Unfortunately, I am not good at "reading minds".)
3. Work WITH your classmates!
4. Rest at home. You are expected to be an active and engaged member of class. No form of inactive or prone position is acceptable in class.
5. You will be given your seats and groups in a manner determined by Mr. Hickman.
6. Mr. Hickman dismisses class at the end of the hour not the bell.
7. Students that leave class must log in and out on clipboard so that a student can be found at any time and planner abuses are minimized
8. Please refrain from drawing on desks, chairs, walls, and/or class whiteboards, etc.
9. Use whiteboards, graphing calculators etc. for a mathematical purpose. Use materials for stated educational tasks, not art projects, doodling, etc.
10. Learn to use the graphing calculator features in class. Mr. Hickman will assign a user name and allow the student to pick a three digit password or number. (use 123 if you are lazy) Be patient and flexible with the TI Nspire navigator system and calculators. Technology is helpful and frustrating at times so be aware. Help each other out with this technology.
11. Cell Phones, Headphones, Tablets, Laptops, Smartwatches, etc. are not allowed in class they provide students too much temptation to avoid instruction and/or practice. Mr. Hickman has seen a wide variety of techniques to hide/sneak access to these devices, so do not build barriers, stare at your lap, have hands in bag/purse., etc. Your choice of attire does not give you permission to have any of these devices visible for any reason. Failure to comply with the OFF AND OUT OF SIGHT electronic policies will result in the loss of effort points, conferences, parent contact, and/or referrals
12. When using materials in class one person from a group should get the materials to ensure the number of people moving in the room is kept at a minimum. This responsibility should rotate between group members, no one is anyone's personal assistant/servant/slave especially Mr. Hickman.
13. The class is responsible for returning materials to their designated areas, failure to do so will slow dismissal from class
14. It is expected that the focus of our mathematics class is mathematics. Do not work on other materials in class!
15. If you have a vision, attention, or hearing issue that requires a seat towards the front of the room let me know and I will try my best to accommodate your requests.
16. Come to class PREPARED! (You should have your pencils, book, notebook, homework, paper and a scientific calculator every day! You will NOT be allowed to return to your locker!) If Mr. Hickman loans materials to a student that student must complete documentation form on clipboard. Habitual lack of materials will reduce effort points and lead to conferences.
17. NO WORK = NO CREDIT **If you use a calculator, you must still show your work! If you use the worked-out solutions as a guide, you must still show YOUR WORK, not just copy worked-out solutions.**
18. NO NAME = NO GRADE
19. We will begin class as soon as the bell rings. This means that *in order to avoid a tardy, you must be in your seat with only math supplies on your desk when the bell rings.*
20. If you would like to discuss your grade, please arrange a time with me either before or after school.
21. If you are absent, you have two days for every day you are absent to either make-up the work or schedule a time to make-up the work. If you are absent on the day of a quiz, test or homework check, you will be expected to take it on the day you return and you may be given an alternative assessment. Failure to make up or schedule an exam on the day you return will result in a 25% penalty for each missed time. If you miss the day before a test or quiz, please notify me at the beginning of class *on the day you return* so arrangements can be made for you to take the quiz or test. Until you complete an assessment or assignment, your grade will be recorded as zero.
22. Food, gum, candy and drinks are not allowed in class. You are encouraged to bring *plain bottled water* to class Mr. Hickman is gracious enough to have a water dispenser in class. Get a reusable container for water! Mr. Hickman will not necessarily provide cups.
23. If you are absent the day you have a conference, you will be expected to make-up this conference on the day you return.
24. Remember the ways to earn conferences and AVOID THEM: sleep or not participate in class, come with no book/supplies, be disrespectful, or come to class with incomplete or no homework, no planner etc.
25. Always remember that **YOU** are a very important part of this class! Mathematics is not only the study of our universe's beautiful and fascinating structures and patterns but also a *tool necessary for your future success*. It can be an open door to many wonderful experiences and careers or a closed door preventing you from accomplishing your dreams. **The choice is yours.**



Let's have a GREAT year!
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