**Algebra 2:** Guidelines and Expectations

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*Keep this packet in your math notebook and refer back to it as needed!*

**Course Description:**

This course is aligned to the Washington State Learning Standards and Performance Expectations for Algebra 2. Topics of study will include: families of functions, transformations of functions, linear functions, quadratic functions, exponential functions & logarithms.

**Required Materials:**

To make most efficient use of our time together, I expect you to be in your seat, ready with all materials you’ll need for class before the bell rings. These materials are outlined below and include:

* **Calculator:** We will be using calculators regularly. A TI-83, 84+, or 30X2 is best. If you are unable to purchase one please see me to make arrangements.
* **Textbook:** Bring your book with you every day!
* **3-Ring Binder or Spiral Notebook:** I recommend a notebook or binder with separate sections so that you can keep your notes and homework separate and organized!
* **Pencils:** You must come to class every day with a pencil. Work and Notes should not be done in pen!

**Discipline Policy**

I will follow the Discipline Procedures as outlined in the 2017-2018 CHS Student Planner.

**Attendance:**

This class requires your active participation! Your regular attendance is mandatory. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to find out what was covered during your absence. I will adhere strictly to the CHS attendance policy as outlined in the student handbook.

**Tardiness:**

Being late to class is disruptive – please be prompt! Excessive tardies (more than 3 per quarter) will result in after school detention and written referral to the Vice Principal’s office. A tardy of more than 5 minutes will be counted as an absence as per the CHS attendance policy.

**Make-Up Work:**

If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to find out what was covered during your absence. Here are 3 options:

1. Ask a classmate.

2. Check the website!

3. Ask Mr. Valeri

If you are absent on a Quiz or Test day (and your absence is EXCUSED) you must arrange with Mr. Valeri to take a makeup test ON YOUR OWN TIME before or after school.

**\*\*\* You have the same # of days as you were absent to make up any missed assignments, including quizzes and tests! \*\*\***

**Evaluation:**

Your semester grade will be based upon the following three categories, each weighted as follows:

* **Daily Assignments** (10% of your overall grade)

Homework will be assigned regularly. The only way to learn mathematics is to practice it daily! All homework assignments will be due the day after it is assigned. Homework will be graded on a 4 point scale.

* **Quizzes** (30% of your overall grade)

We will have frequent short quizzes (2-3 questions) that cover a particular skill or set of skills. These quizzes will occur at least once per week. They will be graded on a 4 point scale shown below. These quizzes may be retaken for a higher score during the student’s own time!

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| Score | Description | Percentage |
| 4 | A clear and perfect understanding is evident. | 100 |
| 3.5 | A somewhat clear understanding is evident, with minor errors. | 87.5 |
| 3 | A basic understanding is apparent but there are several errors. | 75 |
| 2 | Understanding is minimal and there are several conceptual errors. | 50 |
| 1 | There is no indication of any understanding based on the work shown, but actual effort is evident | 25 |
| 0 | The standard is not attempted, was left blank, or no effort is evident | 0 |

* **Tests & Projects** (60% of your overall grade)

The Tests and Projects category includes any major test or project. This could include chapter tests, semester finals, projects, etc. Students will be allowed to retake one test over the course of the semester!

**\*\*In order to retake a quiz or test, the student must meet with the teacher and demonstrate understanding of mistakes and an increased understanding of material. All retakes must take place before the end of the next unit of study!**

*Overall Course Grades* will be assigned as follows:

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| A = 93 – 100%  | C+ = 77 – 79.99 %  | F = Below 60 % |
| A- = 90 – 92.99 %  | C = 73 – 76.99 %  |  |
| B+ = 87 – 89.99 %  | C- = 70 – 72.99 %  |  |
| B = 83 – 86.99 %  | D+ = 67 – 69.9 %  |  |
| B- = 80 – 82.99 %  | D = 60 – 66.99% |  |

**Final Thoughts**

I will work hard to help you succeed and I expect the same of each of you. I am available to provide extra help before and after school by appointment. I expect that you’ll take the initiative to ask for help if you need it. Please take the time to check your grades on Skyward often!

\*Sign and Return by Friday!

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