

Grading Expectations and Classroom Policies

Algebra Two - Academic

Springfield Township High School

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Book: Advanced Algebra

Available Online at www.keymath.com

Email & Classroom Website

1. I maintain a website for the class at www.mathvizza.com. Materials and notes are often posted there as well as graph paper.
2. You will also make use of a classroom wiki at <http://ponderosa.wikispaces.com>
3. I can be reached by email at Tom_Vizza@sdst.org. I prefer to be reached by email.
4. I consider our class to be a business setting when it comes to email. You are expected to check your email daily.

Homework

1. Homework will be assigned mostly every night.
2. You are expected to check your grades HAC every weekend and report back to me according to the described protocol.
3. Write your name, date, homework assignment number and assignment description on each homework assignment.
4. Each problem other than word problems needs to be clearly recopied. **Also, please circle your answer so I can find it quickly when I am checking work.**
5. Homework can fall into 3 subcategories: unchecked, checked, and collected. In any circumstance, I reserve the right to withhold credit when work is not shown.
 - a. **Checked Homework**
 - i. Zero points are given for unsatisfactory or incomplete homework.
 - ii. One point is awarded for mostly completed homework.
 - iii. Two points are awarded for satisfactorily completed homework.
 - iv. Homework that is awarded zero or one point can be completed for one additional point within **one** day of the date it was graded. It is your responsibility to show it to me within this time frame to receive credit.
 - v. Your lowest checked homework grade for the marking period is dropped.
 - b. **Collected Homework**
 - i. Varying points will be awarded for homework that is checked for accuracy.
 - ii. I will often pick a random number of problems and grade them for accuracy when I collect homework.
 - iii. Lateness on collected homework is penalized at my discretion.
6. If you are absent one day, you are expected to have tried the homework. Check your email or the class website. The notes are posted under SMART Board Notes. I will try to post worksheets there as well. If you are late to class or absent, it is your responsibility to bring your homework to me to receive credit. Failure to do so will result in a zero.

Expectations & Classroom Procedures

- You need to have a three ring binder with loose leaf paper. You are given 10 points at the beginning of each marking period. Your equipment will be checked randomly. Each instance of unpreparedness with your materials will result in having 1 point deducted from this 10 points.
- You are expected to keep all materials that are date stamped in chronological order or reverse chronological order in the rings in your binder. This will also be checked. Each instance of disorganization with your materials will result in having 1 point deducted from this 10 points.
- **Work in pencil on tests, quizzes, bell work and homework.** I reserve the right to withhold credit for work done in pen until it is completed in pencil.
- Please be seated with your homework on your desk when class begins and complete the bell work. Bell work will be collected each day. It is sometimes graded on effort, it is sometimes graded on accuracy.
- If you miss a quiz/test review and return for the day of the quiz/test, you will be given the review to complete and must make the test up at your next study hall, or available lunch.
- As per school policy, you are required to have a Ti83/84 series graphing calculator.
- Please refrain from using my dedicated computer or the SMART Board without permission.
- You will be given one pass per week to go the bathroom. These passes are distributed on the first day of the class. Use them wisely. They are numbered by week with your name on them for reference. They are not transferrable.
- Passes to the nurse are on my desk. Please have the nurse sign the back of it when you leave the office and note the time.

Grading Policies

- Points will be accumulated through a series of homework, tests, quizzes, seatwork, bell work, projects and formative assessments.
- Your marking period grade will be determined by the following formula.

$$\frac{\text{total points earned}}{\text{total points available}} = \text{percentage} * 100$$

- After being rounded to the nearest whole number, your numeric average for each of the marking periods and the year will be converted to a letter grade in the following manner

End of Marking Period Grades

90-100 → A

87-89 → B+

80-86 → B

77-79 → C+

70-76 → C

65-69 → D

Less than 65 → F

- Your final grade for the course will be computed by the following formula.

$$25\% \text{ of MP1 Grade} + 25\% \text{ of MP2 Grade} + 30\% \text{ of MP3 Grade} + 20\% \text{ of } \textit{Final Exam}^* = \text{Final Grade}$$

*Note: The 20% of the *Final Exam* is actually a weighted average between your End of Course Exam (10%) and the two marking period Exams (5% for each one).

Tests and Quizzes

- Tests and quizzes will be announced in advance.
- Most days there will be a 5 point closure quiz at the end of class.
- Formative assessments will be given roughly twice a week. Formative assessments may or may not count into your point total for your grade depending on the circumstance.

Remediation

- Some of the material in this class is so important that I will ask you to remediate it if I do not feel that you have mastered it.
- When this happens, you will be given a series of worksheets that must be completed with 90% accuracy or better to be excused from further remediation.
- Failure to do so will penalize your grade by certain value of points that I will determine at the time the assignment is given.

Extra Credit

Extra Credit may be offered at the discretion of the instructor and is **rare** at that. Extra credit is not offered to students who have not completed the regular credit work to the teacher's satisfaction.

Extra Help

- I will be here in room 208 at 7:00 am. (This depends on traffic.)
- I am available at lunch during C2.

Your Book

- Put your name in your book.
- You are responsible for the book that you are assigned in the beginning of the year. Returning a book other than yours does not relieve you of this responsibility.
- Covering your book will help maintain its value.
- Do not write in your book.
- Your book is available online at www.keymath.com. Your password is: VizzaAlg2