**Algebra 1**

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**Overview:**

Welcome to the wonderful world of Algebra! The state of New Jersey requires that 3 years of math be completed while at high school – Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2.  Even though you may not want to hear this, Algebra 1 is one of the most important courses you will study in high school.  Algebra skills are required for success in future math, science, computer, economics, or business courses you will take. Algebra problems are a large portion of the tests (SAT and ACT), which are required before being admitted into a college.

**Expectations:**

Algebra 1 can be a challenging course. You will have nightly homework and will need to establish a study routine. There are a few simple things that a student must do in order to be prepared for class:

* Arrive on Time- this means be in your seat when the bell rings
* Bring a writing utensil (pencil) and a calculator
* Have any homework from the previous night visible atop your desk
* Keep all handouts, notes, and materials organized
* Do not pack up until instruction has ended
* **Participate in class and no cell phones.**

**Supplies:**

All students should be prepared each day with a textbook, notebook, folder, **ChromeBook**, calculator and **pencil.**

**Grading:**

A student’s grade is a reflection of what he or she knows and is capable of doing. All graded assignments carry a point value.  A student’s grade on an assignment can be determined in the following manner:

For a marking period, that grade can be determined in a similar fashion by adding the total number of points that the student earned and dividing by the total number of possible points in the marking period.

Each student is will receive a 100% as a test grade for participation at the beginning of each marking period. Points will be deduced if cell phones are present in the classroom and 5 points for an uncharged Chrome Books. There will be no warnings for cell phones.

**Assessments:**

You can expect nightly homework that will review and reinforce the concepts from that day’s class. Homework will be reviewed at the start of each class and checked for completeness. Some homework assignments are going to be collected, I will let you know in advanced.

The date and specific focus of a test/quiz will always be announced at least one week prior to the date of that assessment.  Test questions are always a reflection of the “practice” questions that students have been exposed to through in-class examples and the homework. Periodically there will be other forms of assessments (classwork, projects, exit slips, etc.) that will count toward each student’s grade.

**The Honor Code:**

Students guilty of an honor code infraction will receive a “zero” for that assignment and face possible additional disciplinary action as per the student handbook.  It is important to note that both a student who copies and a student that allows another to copy are treated the same.  Mathematically, it is better to receive any grade on an assignment by doing your best than to take a zero for cheating.

**Absences:**

It will be each student’s responsibility to seek out the notes or supplemental materials that they missed. Keep the following in mind if there is an absences:

* Absent the day before the assessment:  You are expected to complete the review your first day back.  You will need to schedule a time to make up the assessment.
* Absent the day of an assignment: You are also expected to schedule a time to make up the assessment within a week or you will receive a zero.
* Extenuating Circumstances: Things happen beyond anyone’s control and deadline extensions or complete exemptions can be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

**Extra Help:**

I will do my best to address any student’s need for help either before school or after school. If you have any questions always feel free to email me at (kpampinto@cliffsidepark.edu) and I will do my best to respond in a timely manor.

***Good Luck and Do Your Best!***