**Transitional Algebra**

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**Overview:**

Transitional Algebra courses review and extend algebra and geometry concepts for students who have already taken Algebra 1 and Geometry. Transitional Algebra includes a review of topics and develops advanced algebra skills. It develops advanced algebra skills such as systems of equations, advanced polynomials, imaginary and complex numbers and quadratics.

**Expectations:**

You will have nightly homework and will need to establish a study routine. To this effect, you should anticipate spending at least 20 minutes each night on homework and studying this year.

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.**

**Supplies:**

All students should be prepared each day with a textbook, notebook, folder, **ChromeBook**, graphing 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 by 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 her 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](mailto:kpampinto@cliffsidepark.edu)) and she will do her best to respond in a timely manor.

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