

Pre-Calculus

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Welcome to Pre-Calculus. Note: A graphing calculator (such as the TI-83) is required. Pre-calculus math is comprised of the study of formal trigonometry and its application to complex numbers, coordinates, and scientific applications. Students will be expected to complete in-depth projects.

Classroom Expectations

General Guidelines:

- Everyone is expected to **be respectful** of the teacher and other students in this classroom.
- Please **be on time, in your seat, and begin working on your warm-up** when the bell rings. Detention will be given to students who are not in their seat working when the bell rings.
- Please **stay in your seat** until the bell to dismiss you rings.
- Please **observe all school policies** and rules in the classroom.

Consequences:

The following actions may be taken upon failure to follow classroom rules:

1. Students will be asked to move to different seats in the room.
2. Student(s) will be taken outside of the classroom and given a verbal warning / detention will be given to the student(s).
3. Parents will be notified by the teacher / a referral will be given to the student.

Absences:

- Students who are absent must get notes from another student who was in class.
- Homework may only be made up if a student has an excused absence. Late homework will only be accepted on Fridays after school, and will only be accepted by the student who was absent where it will be graded on the spot by the instructor as the student waits.
- A student may make up a test or quiz with the instructor on Fridays after school. The student must notify the instructor beforehand. Makeup tests are generally more difficult than the in-class test. Tests may not be made up during class time, unless otherwise noted.

Materials

The following materials must be brought to school **every day**. Failure to bring materials will result in detention.

- **Composition Notebook:** All students must buy a **wireless** composition book that will be used for notes in class every day.
- **Mechanical Pencils:** Students will be expected to bring mechanical pencils to class every day for notes and work. There is no pencil sharpener in the classroom, so mechanical pencils are necessary.
- **Paper:** Paper should be brought to class every day. Paper should not be used from your notebook.
- **Graphing Paper:** Graphing paper is necessary for many of the activities done in the class. You must bring graphing paper every day.
- **Textbook:** You are required to bring your textbook every day.
- **No Calculators:** Calculators are not allowed in this classroom unless expressly permitted.

Grading Policy

Grading Table:

You may use the following grading scheme to keep track of your grade in class.

Grade Breakdown					
Homework/Quizzes/Notebook		35%			
Tests		65%			
Extra Credit		Less than 03%			
Total		Greater than 100%			
Grading Scale					
A+ > 100%	A ≥ 93%	A- ≥ 90%	B+ ≥ 87%	B ≥ 83%	B- ≥ 80%
C+ ≥ 77%	C ≥ 73%	C- ≥ 70%	D+ ≥ 67%	D ≥ 63%	D- ≥ 60%

Homework/Notebooks:

- Homework is assigned almost every day, and is due by the stated due date found before class starts. Homework will be turned in to a designated area in the class. Late homework is only accepted on Fridays after school, and only if the student has an excused absence. Late homework must be handed in by the student who has been absent, and will be graded on the spot while the student waits.
- Notebooks are collected at least twice per week. Notes should be taken in pencil in a wireless composition book.
- Notebooks, classwork, and homework are randomly checked at least twice per week.
- Each checked assignment and notebook check is worth up to 5 points per day, unless stated otherwise.
SCALE: PERFECT WORK=5 pts. - AVERAGE=3 pts. - PASSABLE=2 pts.

Quizzes And Tests:

- Tests or quizzes are given every Friday. Quizzes may also be given on other days of the week. On-line study guides will generally be provided for tests, and must always be printed out and handed in as homework.
- Make-up tests and quizzes will be given for students who have an excused absence. These are generally more difficult than tests and quizzes given at the scheduled time, because absent students have more time to prepare. All makeup quizzes and tests are given on Fridays after school.
- Regular tests with scores under 60% may be made up to 60% by contacting the instructor after school for two or more after-school study sessions. The full 60% will only be awarded if the instructor has been assured that the student has complete understanding of material covered. Midterms and final exams are not allowed to be made up in this manner.

Extra Credit/Projects:

- Extra credit and projects may be given in class from time to time. These can boost your grade by as much as 3% overall. Extra credit work is not guaranteed to be given by the instructor.