



Saddleback High School  
Course: **Math 8 - Algebra 1 Honors**



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It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself as your student's new Algebra 1 teacher. Below is an outline of course expectations and rules. Everything stated below is subject to change *with* notice. If, at any time, you have questions, please reach out. Thank you and I look forward to the upcoming year!

### ***Course Description***

Our goal this year aims to deepen and extend on previous student understanding. We will be focusing on developing fluency of functions, as we begin by solving linear equations, inequalities, and systems of equations. Students will also be exploring linear, quadratic, and exponential functions graphically, numerically, symbolically, and as sequences. Additionally, we will work to extend those skills to solving quadratic functions and using regression techniques to analyze the fit of models to distributions of data.

### ***Required Materials***

These items must be brought to class every day unless told otherwise

- Chromebook & Charger
- Graph Paper
- Lined Paper
- Pencil & Eraser
- Binder

### ***Suggested Materials***

- Scientific Calculator
- Colored Pens
- Highlighter

### ***Expectations***

- Be on time and prepared to work every day
- Ask questions when confused – and help others when they're confused
- Share your voice – answer questions, participate in class discussions and express your ideas
  - Allow everyone to voice their ideas without interruptions
- Use class time efficiently – only use your Chromebook to access class-related sites only
- Phones are not to be used at any time

### ***Policy***

- Follow all school and district rules as stated in the student handbook (e.g. electronics, tardy policy)
- The use of inappropriate language is not permitted

### ***Grades***

Your final grade for each grading period or semester will be composed of: *Homework, Classwork, Quizzes, Tests, and your semester final.*

### ***Tutoring***

Students are highly encouraged to talk to the teacher if any extra support is needed. Math is a difficult subject and takes time to understand. Students can receive tutoring from Mr. Najera EVERY DAY before school (starting at 7:30), during lunch, or by special appointment. Please do not hesitate to reach out!

**Homework**

Homework is essential for student understanding and their development as a mathematician. Homework will be given every day for a grade. It is expected that students will complete it before their next math class.

**Classwork**

Classwork aims to provide the students with an opportunity to explore concepts and develop strong mental habits based on the 8 math principles created by Common core. Students are to complete and turn in classwork on the day the assignment is assigned unless otherwise stated.

**Late Work**

For each unit, late work will be accepted up until the day of the test for full credit.

**Test and Retakes**

Students with a grade of a D or lower are encouraged to retake tests. The student must speak with the teacher to complete preparation work before being granted permission to retake tests. They must also speak with the teacher to schedule an appointment for the retake.

**Absences**

If a student is knowingly going to miss math, *the best option* is to communicate with the teacher ahead of time. Assignments due the day of an absence must be turned in on the day the student returns. For unexpected absences, the student’s work can always be found on Google Classroom. If a student misses a test, they have two days upon returning to make up that test, It is up to the students to make up for missed work. If students need extensions on work, tests, or projects, they are responsible for letting the teacher know as soon as possible.

**Cheating Policy**

Any cheating will result in an **F grade**. Cheating includes - copying the answers and communicating with others during a test, using notes or calculators when they are not allowed on a test or quiz, copying from another person's work, and turning in another person's work as your own.

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I have read and understand the policies and expectations listed above and I agree to comply with them.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Students Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

