

Algebra 2

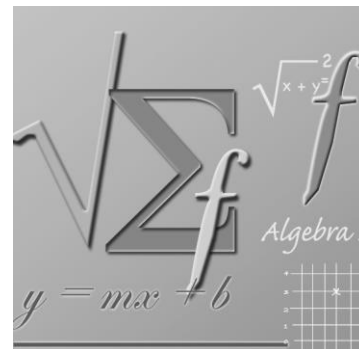
Course Overview 2014 – 2015

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This class will focus on building algebraic skills and helping you to be successful in problem solving and understanding math concepts in the world. Class will consist of: lecture, class/small-group discussion, group work, projects, activities, participation, homework, quizzes, and tests.

Materials: Everyday you will need—pencil, notebook, textbook, calculator

Upfronts: Upfronts are chapter schedules. They list the HW assigned each night of the chapter as well as quizzes and tests. The Upfronts can be found on my website (while I'm on leave they will be in class only)

Absences: If you are absent, your responsibilities include:

- 1) Communicating with your teacher the **day you return (or before)** to get missed work in one of the following ways:
 - Via email, in seminar, before/ after school or at the end of class (**not at the beginning of class** - I am focused on the current days' work)
- 2) Being sure that all absences have been properly recorded by the attendance office in the appropriate time frame. Please discuss all attendance issues with the attendance office- I simply record your presence, absence and timeliness.
- 3) If a student is absent on the review day before a test, the student is expected to take the test on the scheduled date.

For EXCUSED:

- HW WS's due from absence excused
- Quizzes/Tests from absence taken next class
- Activities from absence day completed by next class

For UNEXCUSED:

- Assignments from absence = 0 pts
- Quizzes/ Tests from absence = 0 pts
- In Class work from absence = 0 pts

****Absences are to be excused within 24 hours.**

Absent / Make-up work:

Submit make-up work with **Absent Work Info Sheet** attached and place it in the absent work folder.

HW Expectations:

- 1) **all** problems are complete with all work shown, **legible** and done in pencil
- 2) randomly checked problems are correct
- 3) your work is neatly organized (problems numbered and rewritten (where appropriate), **all** work shown and answers boxed
- 4) your name, assignment page and problem numbers are written at the top right corner under your name
- 5) HW is due at the beginning of each hour, otherwise it is late. Late HW earns a zero score.

Homework: HW will be assigned every day. HW will be checked in several ways: for completeness, HW Checks (HWC's), for correctness on randomly selected problems, self-evaluation, etc.

Participation: I expect that you will participate productively in class. Lack of participation or negative participation will result in loss class participation credit. Examples include having your head down in class, being tardy, being disruptive in class.

Passes: The hall pass may not be used in the first 15 minutes of class, nor may it be used while we are taking notes. Please sign out then take the pass – one student at a time. Make good choices.

Note Taking Expectations: Taking notes is one of the ways that you participate in class. Having heads down while taking notes will result in loss of participation points. Random note checks may also occur.

Website: Please bookmark www.mathwithmrsstratton.weebly.com where you will find:

- Email contact details
- Upfronts (the assignment schedule for the chapter – not available online while I am gone)
- Online assignments, answer keys and class announcements

Email: Since I am teaching students throughout the day, I cannot often respond during the school day. I check email every day, however, and I generally respond to email during my planning period (which occurs every other day). I will respond as quickly as I am able in the order in which the emails were received.

Rules:

- 1) 5 P's: Be **Prepared** with pencils, HW, textbook, paper, calculator. Be **Present**, on time, in your seats and ready to go when the bell rings, **Practice** skills by taking notes and doing your HW with intention and effort. **Perform** well by being the best you possible – polite, respectful and kind to all, return items to their place and properly study for/ do your best on all Q&T's. Be **Persistent** - never give up!
- 2) Avoid the 3S's: stupid, sucks, and shutup
- 3) If you choose to bring electronic devices to class, please turn them to silent/airplane mode and place them in the bins at the beginning of class. I will direct you to retrieve them at the end of class.
- 4) Use your locker: backpacks, hats, food, beverages, candy, etc. are not permitted in class
- 5) Please stay near your seat until class is dismissed. No congregating by the door.
- 6) Do your own work. Cheating is not acceptable and will result in a zero for the assignment, a discipline referral in your file and possibly further disciplinary action. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, copying HW from another student or the back of the book, looking around for answers, copying or talking during a test or quiz.

Cell Phones/ Electronic Devices:

Again, if you choose to bring electronic devices to class, please turn them to silent/airplane mode and place them in the bins at the beginning of class. I will direct you to retrieve them at the end of class.

Using phones/electronic devices in class without specific permission from the teacher will result in confiscation of the device. You may pick it up at the end of the day. Repeated violation will result in a discipline referral. Possession of any electronic device during testing or while going over tests will result in a zero on the assignment.

Grades: Quarter grades are based on total points of tests, quizzes, projects, activities & participation.

99 – 100	A+	71 - 75	C	Semester Grades	
91 – 98	A	68 – 70	C-		
88 – 90	A-	66 – 67	D+		
86 – 87	B+	61 – 65	D	Quarter 1	40%
81 – 85	B	58 – 60	D-	Quarter 2	40%
78 – 80	B-	Below 58	E	Final Exam	20%
76 – 77	C+				

Concerns:

If you have questions/concerns about progress in my class, grades or other issues, please address your concerns with me directly. I appreciate students who approach me with questions, take responsibility for being independent and advocating for themselves. I am available before/ afterschool and during seminar.

Discipline is considered on a case-by-case basis. Possible action may include a phone call home, detentions, writing assignments, extra HW, or an office referral.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions or suggestions. I am open to suggestions for reasonable changes.