

# Westerville Central High School

## Algebra One Syllabus 2012-2013

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### Course Description:

Algebra I is designed to provide a solid foundation for all future work in mathematics. The major emphasis is placed on the measuring of mathematical structures. A strong background in fractions, decimals, and variable and logical reasoning is essential. This course covers material that will be tested by the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT).

### Materials Needed EVERYDAY:

- Covered textbooks
- Pencils with erasers or a working pen, 1 dry erase marker (optional)
- 3 ring binder (preferably 1.5") with loose-leaf paper and 3 dividers-labeled Notes, Homework, Tests/Quizzes
- A Graphing Calculator is recommended (TI-83 or TI-84) but **minimally you will need** a Scientific Calculator equivalent to a TI 30 II XS; \$13. (If you own one, make sure it has sin, cos, tan, square root, and probability capabilities. Please mark with your name in permanent marker.)

### Daily Homework:

- Homework is to be completed prior to the start of class.
- **All work** must be shown in **PENCIL** and be legible.
- Homework may be collected and graded for completion or accuracy at any time throughout the year.
- Daily homework must be labeled in the upper right hand corner with the following information: full name, date, period, and assignment.
- Homework will be assigned daily. It will be graded using completion, accuracy, and a homework check sheet. Homework check sheets can assess homework from **any** previous assignment and will be worth 2 points per question. Once the sheet is filled in, the lowest score is dropped and the total is entered as a quiz grade.
- An unexcused absence will result in a grade of zero for the homework check sheet question given on that day. For excused absences, it is **the student's responsibility** to get their check sheet and complete it.

### Quizzes/Tests:

- Quizzes may or may not be announced.
- There will be a test at the end of every chapter.
- There will be a day of review before every test. **If you are absent on the day of review**, you are still responsible for taking the test on the scheduled day.
- No sharing of calculators during quizzes and tests.
- If you are absent on a quiz or test day, you need to get a pass from me to make the test/quiz up during your study hall. If you do not have a study hall, it is **your responsibility** to see me before or after class to set a day after school for the quiz/test to be made up.

Throughout the year, there may be other assignments (i.e. group projects, binders) that will still count as a quiz or test grade. More detailed information and rubrics regarding these assignments will be given out as the projects are assigned.

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### Academic Assistance

Math help is offered at various times throughout the school day. It is staffed by our mathematics teachers. The periods and rooms are listed below.

### **MATH HELP – SEMESTER 1**

<b>1st</b>	Mrs. Cavicchia	1102	<b>6th</b>	Mrs. Shumate	1303
<b>3rd</b>	Mrs. Miller	1305	<b>7th</b>	Mrs. Riccobono	2120
<b>5th</b>	Mr. Aquillo	1105	<b>8th</b>	Mrs. Crawford	1101

### Grading:

Grades are weighed as follows:

Homework/Homework Quizzes – 10%      Chapter Quizzes – 25%      Tests – 65%

Grades will be assigned according to the following scale:

98 – 100% A+	88 – 89% B+	78 – 79% C+	68 – 69% D+	59 and below F
92 – 97% A	82 – 87% B	72 – 77% C	62 – 67% D	
90 – 91% A-	80 – 81% B-	70 – 71% C-	60 – 61% D-	

### PowerSchool:

Your grades will be available through an online grade book called PowerSchool. This grade book will allow you to check your grades online. In the next one to two weeks you will be receiving a student and parent password you will need to have in order to be able to log in (you should be able to use the same one from last year if you have it). *Parents, please be looking for this information.*

To log in:

- Go to [www.westerville.k12.oh.us](http://www.westerville.k12.oh.us) and click on the "PowerSchool" link at the top of the page.
- There is a link for parents and students on the next page. This page also contains additional information about PowerSchool.
- You will need to log in on this page by choosing "averages" under the student column. There are various resources here for your convenience and information.
- Please let me know if you have any questions/concerns about using PowerSchool.

### Classroom Discipline:

- Every student is capable of choosing the appropriate behavior that will maximize his or her opportunity to gain a solid education.
- No student has the right to disrupt either my efforts at teaching or another student's efforts in learning.
- Be on time! You are to be in your seat when the bell rings. Your third tardy will result in a detention.

Consequences include: lunch or afterschool detentions, office write ups, parent contact, or other at teacher discretion.

