

Welcome! The Pre-Calculus class you are taking is a senior level course. The purpose of this course is to get you prepared for college, a vocation, or an AP level course next year. This is an elective class and we have very high expectations of you. YOU are responsible for asking questions about anything you do not understand. I will be more than happy to help you with class materials, colleges, test-prepping, or anything else that may come along. Pre-Calculus learning targets are available on my website for your reference as needed. Please do not hesitate to ask questions!

Supplies:

*Composition Notebook for in-class notes (BRING IT EVERY DAY!)

*Folder for worksheets, handouts, etc.

*Notebook or Looseleaf Paper for homework

*Pencils and/or Pens (*Blue or Black ink please!*)

*Graphing Calculator- TI-83 Plus is recommended. (You will need a calculator on a daily basis and at home; so, you must purchase one. Rental calculators are NOT available to students in Pre-Calculus.)

Grading Scale:

A 100%	B+ 87-89%	C+ 77-79%	D+ 67-69%	F 0-59%
A 93-99%	B 83-86%	C 73-76%	D 63-66%	
A- 90-92%	B- 80-82%	C- 70-72%	D- 60-62%	

Grades will be weighted in the following areas:

80% Summative Assessments

Tests 100 points

Quizzes 20 points

Projects 150 points

20% Formative Assessments

Homework & In-Class Assignments – points vary

TEST DATES	
Dec 23	Jan 31
Feb 15	Feb 23

Summative Assessments:

Tests: Tests will be given approximately every 2-3 weeks. Please see the test schedule and plan accordingly. Tests will be **50 minutes** in length and may require a calculator to complete. If you miss a test **YOU WILL RECEIVE A ZERO!!** If you will be missing a test due to a pre-arranged absence (field trip, vacation, medical appt, etc) you must arrange to take your test in advance or take a zero. If you are absent due to illness you must take the retake and forego one of your retake options (see below for retake policy).

Quizzes: Quizzes will be given each week on the last day of the week. If you miss a quiz, it you must make it up by arranging a time with me during your study hall, during IE or before or after school. After **one week**, quizzes can no longer be made up. On some quizzes, you will not be allowed to use a calculator.

*****Retake Policy*****

You have the opportunity to retake 2 summative assessments. You are allowed to earn a maximum of 90% on your retake. In order to qualify for a retake, you must have all of your assignments for that time period completed. If you did not complete all of your assignments prior to the test, you must complete all of the assignments prior to taking the retake. You must also meet with me to go over your original test. Retakes must be completed before the next test is given. You must make arrangements with me to make up the test and/or quiz and if you miss your retake appointment, you do not get to take the retake.

Formative Assessments:

Homework Checks: Homework will be checked on a regular basis. No retake will be allowed unless all homework is completed.

Assignments: In-class assignments in addition to your daily homework assignments will be given periodically. These assignments will be collected and corrected.

Homework and Late Policy: Homework will be given on a regular basis so please plan accordingly. Assignments turned in on time of collection will receive full credit; assignments turned within **1 day late** will earn ½ credit; assignments turned in **more than 1 day late** will receive **no credit** unless arrangements were made with me **ahead of time**. If you have a preplanned absence, you need to discuss homework and due dates with me **before** you are gone. Discuss any concerns you have with me as soon as possible.

Extra Help: I will be available to help you at the following times- don't pass up free help! You can usually find me in my classroom (room 122). If these times do not work out or you would like to meet during another part of the day, please ask me and we will find a common time. Please seek help as soon as you find yourself having trouble or getting behind!

- Before school and after school, by appointment
- During 3rd -5th hours I have prep and my Gifted-Talented role time, please feel free to ask for help during that time
- IE period
- Ms. Scarseth and Mrs. Morman (the other Pre Calc teachers) may be available during other hours if you need help when I am not available.
- You also may stop in during another Pre-Calc class if you have cleared it with Ms. Morman (Hours 3 & 4)

Cheating: Working together is highly encouraged in many areas of this course. However, if you are suspected of copying someone else's work, **BOTH** of you will receive partial or no credit for the task.

Absences:

- **YOU** are responsible for what you miss- "I was absent" is not an excuse for not understanding the material or not being prepared for an assessment. All assignments and notes will be posted on my website. (fur.ly/96ai)
- Any handouts that you missed while you were gone can be picked up from the baskets at the front of the room.
- See me **BEFORE** any pre-excused absences (field trips, vacations, extra-curricular events, etc) about make-up work and deadlines. Failures to do so will result in work being considered **late** and receive no credit.
- Make-up work due to an illness or unexpected absence is due within than **3 days** after the absence.

Passes: Passes are given on a **very limited basis**. Take care of bathroom and water needs between classes. **NO** locker passes will be given once class begins. Please come to class prepared! You must have **your** agenda to receive a pass privilege.

Phones, iPods, etc.

- When you enter the classroom, turn off your phone, or at the very least put it on vibrate.
- Put your phone out of sight (pocket, pencil case, etc) or on the corner of your desk.
- Unless permission is granted, pictures, snap chats, or videos of other individuals, teachers, or aides will not be allowed. This is an invasion of privacy, an alienation of individuals' rights, and just plain disrespectful and rude.

We are in class for 70 minutes and you do not need to be distracted by a cell phone. Please let your parents know when you are in my class you will not be able to take a call/text. If it is an emergency, they can notify the office and the office will contact you.

*****If you choose to pay attention to your device instead of class, I will not stop you. I will only give you the SAME respect in return when you ask me for help. Don't be shocked!!!**

