

# Algebra 1

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## WHAT WE'LL STUDY:

This year will be fast-paced and exciting as we discover how graphs, tables, rules & scenarios all contribute to a full understanding of mathematical concepts. We will learn about linear, quadratic, exponential & polynomial functions.

## IN THIS COURSE, YOU WILL:

- Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them
- Reason abstractly and quantitatively
- Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others
- Model with mathematics
- Use appropriate tools strategically
- Attend to precision
- Look for and make use of structure
- Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning



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## ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING:

50%

Chapter or Unit Tests

30%

Weekly Quizzes

10%

Binder Checks

10%

Warm Ups and Class Activities

Weekly Quizzes show me what you have been able to understand after a week of practice. Weekly Quizzes may be re-taken if you think you can show that you have learned more after reviewing mistakes. To qualify for a re-take, a student must seek help and take the re-take before or after school.

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## LEARNING ALGEBRA:

You will want to be very successful in this class. It will help you as you complete math courses throughout high school. If you cannot maintain above a 70% in the class, this is not the correct placement for you. Neither I nor UCS wants your understanding of Algebra to be an obstacle for your success, so you will not receive credit and you will need to repeat the class. This is in your best interest as understanding Algebra is such an important key to math success.

## GETTING HELP:

It is the student's responsibility to be aware of his/her progress and seek help when needed. I will be available 30 minutes before school every day to meet with students and after school by appointment. There is also lunch tutoring offered during every lunch period.



# Policies

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## LATE/MAKE-UP WORK POLICY:



The expectation is that you submit all assignments on time. I accept late assignments up until the day we take the chapter or unit test without penalty. It is very important to me that you do your work, that's why I waive the penalty.

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to follow proper procedures to ensure that you receive your work. Check the class website and PowerSchool for assignments. I will not remind you to turn in absent work.

## TECHNOLOGY:



Unless I specifically say that you may have your cell phone out, you must keep it in a designated area at all times. If I see your cell phone in class, I will take it for the remainder of the class period.

We will utilize various resources on the Internet such as the class website

[mrsspisak.weebly.com](http://mrsspisak.weebly.com)

and other educational sites. You must hold yourselves to high expectations when you use these resources. Your time must be spent well.

## ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:



All work that you submit must be your own work. You may not do any of the following:

- 1) Turn in someone else's work.
- 2) Copy someone's work.
- 3) Look at someone else's work during an quiz, test, or otherwise individual assessment.

If you are doing any of the above or anything else that constitutes cheating, you will receive a zero on that assignment, and you will be referred for discipline.

## OTHER POLICIES:

- Please raise your hand to speak.
- Do not interrupt valuable instruction to ask to go to the bathroom. Please wait for an appropriate time. You have three bathroom passes per marking period.
- Come prepared to class with your materials and a positive attitude.
- When the class needs to quiet down, I will raise my hand. When you see this, stop talking and raise your hand to indicate you are ready to listen to directions.
- Clean up after yourself. All classroom materials in the center of the table are to remain in my class.

*Our class motto:*

*I make mistakes, and that's good.  
I'm not perfect and that's not bad.  
There's no one I'd rather be than me.*