

Mrs. Hobold's Algebra Class

I am very excited to share my love of learning with you! I know that we will learn new and wonderful things this year. As the school year begins I wanted to share a few things with you:

1. Expect to have homework or “practice” almost every night. Just like shooting free throws, the more you practice the better you will perform. Homework will consist of a few problems that review that day’s lesson and used as a means to help you understand the content more thoroughly.
2. I expect you to show ALL of your work on every problem. I can help you more if you show me how you get the solution to your problems. The steps you took are every bit as important to me as the answer, because that demonstrates how you think and reason.
3. Most of your grade (80%) will be determined by using summative assessments (tests and cumulative reviews). Summative assessments are meant to show your mastery of concepts. The other 20% of your grade will be determined by quizzes, and there will be two types of quizzes:
 - a. In class – “regular quiz” – students complete in class individually or at times with a partner
 - b. Take home – when I need to check your progress thus far in the chapter
4. Great students learn from their mistakes, and I do not expect anyone to be perfect. For these reasons, quizzes can be repaired for full credit. This means that if you miss a problem on a quiz, you can fix it, and if you get it correct you will receive all of the points back for that problem.
 - Quiz questions must be corrected
 - Students must tell me “WHAT WENT WRONG”
 - Must be completed before the day of the test
5. Tests will be given at the end of every chapter. Tests can receive credit recovery during 1st semester only.
 - Test will be taken during class time.
 - Students can re-take the portions of the test that they missed points on **within ten days** of receiving the test back.
 - Students must make an appointment to retake test
 - Before school
 - After school
 - Study Hall
 - Students will receive the higher grade.
 - **STUDENTS MAY ONLY RETAKE TESTS IF ALL OF THEIR QUIZZES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED AND CHECKED before the end of chapter assessment.**
 - The retake is a different version, but asking for the same type of content knowledge.
 - **RETAKES ARE ONLY ALLOWED FIRST SEMESTER.**
6. You will be assigned an *Algebra 1, Common Core* textbook during the first week of school. You are responsible for keeping your textbook in good condition throughout the school year. Since these books are newer, I would advise using a book cover of some sort to help prevent the wear and tear that can occur with daily use. We will be using this text almost every day this school year, please take it home and place it where you typically do your homework. I have extra textbooks that can be used in class. Or, if you prefer, you can use your chrome book in class as your text. I will have the online textbook set up the first week of school.

You will have access to your textbook online. Here is the information that you need to login:

- Visit <https://www.pearsonrealize.com/index.html#/>
- Click **SIGN IN** using the button in the upper right hand corner
- Your username is **lastname.firstname5**
- Your password is **hobold08**

7. Algebra students will take Semester Exams. To help students prepare for this exam, I will be assigning cumulative assessments at the end of each chapter. These assessments will review the previously taught chapters, and are the **ONLY THING THAT CAN NOT BE REPAIRED.**

8. Please have a notebook to keep all of your notes and homework. Graph paper will be needed throughout the school year. If you prefer a binder, please have a section for algebra, as well as regular loose leaf paper.

9. The parent portal (SIS) is our way of communicating with you and your parents about your assignments. If you have questions regarding grades please email Mrs. Hobold. (hobold.terrie@wgmail.org).

10. Students will not be allowed to make up assignments that are plagiarized and will receive a zero for the assignment/project.

11. Per school policy, students should not bring their cell phones to class. Parents are encouraged to contact the office at (314)963-6450, and the office will gladly deliver a message to students during the school day.

12. I am usually available for help sessions before school every day – barring traffic or weather. Students are encouraged to seek assistance at 8:05 if the need arises.

I firmly believe that a student's grade should reflect that they have learned the content of the curriculum. Students will need to use what they have learned in 8th grade for the rest of their educational career. I want homework to be viewed as practice, and not to be seen as punitive. Above all, I want my students to be successful!

Let me know what I can do to help you have a great year!

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